

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children in Worship | All are welcome!

Children's bulletins and worship bags are available in the Narthex as you enter the Sanctuary.
Nursery care is provided for 2-year-olds and younger during worship services.
Children's Time, for ages 3 years through kindergarten, meets in the Castle Room in the East Wing.
This is a time of unstructured play, special activities, and continuing worship.

Flowers are given by Rich + Jill Ross in celebration of their 29th wedding anniversary on December 26.

There is no Christian Education today for children ages 2 - grade 12 | join us again on January 15

Interested in the ministry opportunities of St. Andrew? | Our weekly *Mini-Messenger* and monthly *Messenger* newsletters are available online at: www.saintandrew-ic.org or in paper version in the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANDREW



Christmas Eve worship

5:30 Family Worship | message by Randy Hausler, Heather Woodin and Pastor Kyle
music by the children's choirs and handbells
candlelight service

7:30 Candlelight Worship | message by Pastor Matt
music by the adult choir and handbells

11:00 Candlelight Worship | message by Pastor Matt
service of Holy Communion
music by the youth choir and handbells

Christmas Day worship

10:00 Worship | message by Pastor Kyle



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 18, 2011 8:30 + 11:00 am

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance:
*Sing O my love;
This have I one for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to man's nature,
To call my true love to my dance:
*Sing O my love;
This have I one for my true love.*
-traditional English carol

WE GATHER TO MEET GOD

Prelude | (8:30) Joyful Praise *by* Susan Geschke
(11:00) Pat-a-Pan *setting by* Jason Krug

Rejoice!
Alpha Ringers

Welcome + Announcements

Introit | (8:30) O Come, All Ye Faithful *setting by* Frances Callahan
(11:00) Let's Get Ready, a Savior's Coming *by* Barbara Garcia

Rejoice!
Joy Club

*Call to Worship + Lighting of the Advent Candle

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

Come, O Lord, and send us your light.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Come and bring the light of God.

Come and walk among us.

Be our Savior and our Friend.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Come to bring us your peace.

***Song of Hope** | Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn *green hymnal, #91* stanzas 1-3



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WE SEEK RENEWAL IN GOD'S GRACE

*Call to Confession | 1 John 1:5-10

This is the message we have heard from Jesus the Christ and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Words of Assurance | Luke 1:76-79

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Thanks be to God.

*The Peace | time of greeting

Grace, mercy and peace be to you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
And also with you.

*Congregational Response | O Little Town of Bethlehem *blue hymnal, #443, stanza 4*

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!
text: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading | Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

OT Bible, pg. 545

(11:00) **Choral Response** | Dance + Sing, for the Lord Will Be With Us *by Hal Hopson*
text based on Isaiah 11:1-7

Cantate Choristers

Time for Young Disciples | Heather Woodin, Director of Christian Education

Parents who would like to have their children participate in Children's Time in the Castle Room are welcome to accompany their children to the East Wing during the Congregational Hymn.

Congregational Hymn | To a Maid Engaged to Joseph *blue hymnal, #19*

- 1: solo
- 2: all
- 3: solo
- 4: men
- 5: women + children
- 6: all

Gospel Reading | Luke 1:26-38

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NT Bible, pg. 56

Message | Theotokos Rev. Matt Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A 28.16 Story | Rowena Torrvillas

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" -Genesis 28.16

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card from the pew rack and placed in the offering plate.

Offertory | Come Then, Lord Jesus *by Kenny Huton and Kathy Bowser* Lora Morgan Dunham, soloist

Prayer of Dedication

(11:00) Introduction of New Members

Jeff + Karna Wieck, Adam + Jessica Wolf, Gene + Anne Dierking, Gatwech Miak + Nyamuoch Jangjual

Prayers of the People + The Lord's Prayer

blue hymnal, pg. 16 - traditional

WE GO OUT TO SERVE THE LORD

*Sending Hymn | Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn *green hymnal, #91 stanza 4*

*Charge + Blessing

*Postlude | Savior of the Nations, Come *setting by J.S. Bach*

You are invited to be seated for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastors | Rev. Matt Paul, Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Lay Leader | Gail Brummel

Musicians | Lora Morgan Dunham (soloist), Matthew Penning (organ/piano/guitar), Rejoice!, Alpha Ringers, Erin Moore (director, piano), Cantate Choristers, Joy Club, Kaylee Gibson, Anna Dreusicke, Keenan Kruse, Helen Penning, Tess DeGrazia (soloists), Dayna Groskreutz (piano)

Ushers | (8:30) Bill + Nelda Wittig family (11:00) friends

Greeters | (8:30) Bill + Helen Byington (11:00) Marlin + Judy Swartzendruber