

Prayers of God's People + The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

✝ Sent Out to Spread the Light

*Closing Hymn

Joy to the World! (Psalm 98) *blue*, #40

*Charge & Blessing

Postlude

Carillon-Sortie *by Henri Mulet*

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

Worship Participants

Pastors: Rev. Bob W. David + Rev. Kyle R. Otterbein

Music Directors: Matthew Penning, Erin Moore

Music Participants: Logos Choir; Aaron Shileny, trumpet; Wes Habley, clarinet; Lee Rabe, congas;
Patti Benson, Rick + Britt Deerberg, Eric Goers, Lucas Moore + Lee Rabe, handbells

Lay Leaders: Patti Benson, Bill Ford

Ushers: (8:30) Ernie + Ellyn Found family (11:00) Friends

Greeters: (8:30) Jim + Shirley Maxey (11:00) Marlin + Judy Swartzendruber

Announcements

- Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services.
- 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 both worship services.
- Children's Time is for ages 3 years through Kindergarten and meets in the Castle Room in the East Wing. This is a time of unstructured play, special activities, and continuing worship.
- Seating, sound, and worship hymnals are available in the Narthex.
- Large print hymnals and Bibles are available from the ushers.
- The flowers are given in loving memory of Moses Tabi Ebot by his wife Elizabeth Ebot and his children Lambert, Peter, Emmanuel, Leonard, Jane and Elizabeth.
- Interested in the ministry opportunities of St. Andrew? Our weekly *Mini-Messenger* and monthly *Messenger* newsletters are available online at: www.saintandrew-ic.org (under the "News" heading) or in paper version in the rack near the Welcome Table and on the table outside the main office.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST. ANDREW

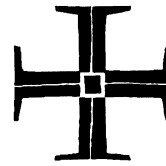
5:30 pm Family Candlelight Worship *with children's choirs, handbells + drama*

7:30 pm Candlelight Worship *with adult choirs + handbells*

11:00 pm Candlelight Worship + Communion *with youth choir + handbells*

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2009 ♦ 8:30 + 11:00 AM

✝ Gathering

Our music is offered to the glory of God; if you wish to express a response, a spoken "Amen" or "Praise God" is welcomed. May the first note of the prelude be to you a call to silent prayer and preparation for worship. Hymns and songs may be found in The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue) or Sing! A New Creation hymnal (green).

Welcome + Announcements

Introit

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *setting by John Ferguson*

Logos Choir

*Call to Worship

We come to glorify God, to rejoice in the One who saves us.

God comes, so we might believe, so we might be blessed.

Our hearts leap for joy! For God is coming to us.

God comes for those who hunger for hope, for those who thirst for grace.

Holy is the One who comes in God's name, who fulfills every promise of God.

God comes to walk with those who follow in faith, to bring peace to a shattered world.

*Processional Hymn

Savior of the Nations, Come



Choir 1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
3 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's son, in - carn - ate Word!



Fill with won - der, all the earth, that our God chose such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
To the ho - ly Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: Ambrose of Milan (340-397), Martin Luther (1483-1546)
Music: J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbücher*, 1524

Bold print - speak together in unison

***please stand as you are able**

Songs of Promise to All Generations

✝ Voices in Crisis

*Psalm Reading

Psalm 57

*Prayer of Confession

Lord of life, forgive us when we have failed to believe your announcement of good news. Your ways are not our ways and your thoughts are not our thoughts, so we hesitate to act on the promises you have given us. Instead of joy, reluctance is our common response to your presence. Forgive us when we have been slow to obey, reluctant to admit our sins, or too proud to receive your grace. Have mercy on us when we balk at rising to the challenges offered to us by the mysterious work of your Holy Spirit; give to us the courage and boldness of your servant Mary. Come to us again with the grace that makes hearts leap for joy. Amen.

*Kyrie *Lord, have mercy*

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✝ Signs of God's Promises

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

- OT Bible, pg. 663

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Promise

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming *blue, #48*

✝ Light in the Midst of Darkness

Words of Assurance

Psalm 27

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Sung:

The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid, of whom should I be afraid?

The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid, of whom should I be afraid?

Children's Message

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 singing of the Song of Light.

Song of Light

He Came Down *green, #92*

1: hope (choir only)

2: light

3: peace

4: joy

Gospel Reading - songs of God's salvation

Luke 1: 26-56 *settings by John Ferguson* Logos Choir; Aaron Shileny, trumpet; Bill Ford, narrator

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Mary - Songs of Promise *Rev. Kyle Otterbein*

Sung Response

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, Lord

1 My soul pro-claim your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;
You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.
Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim
The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,
great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995; based on the Magnificat

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Music: English folk tune

✝ Offering Ourselves for God's Purpose

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Offertory

My Soul Magnifies the Lord *setting by J.S. Bach*

*Prayer of Dedication