

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2011 7:30 pm

The snow lay on the ground,
the stars shone bright,
When Christ our Lord was born
on Christmas night.
Venite adoremus Dominum.

And thus that manger poor
became a throne;
For he whom Mary bore was God the Son.
O come, then, let us join the heavenly host;
To praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
-Anglo-Irish carol



WE GATHER TO ADORE THE CHRIST CHILD

Prelude | I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In *setting* by Sondra Tucker

Welcome

Introit | Creator of the Stars of Night *setting* by Matthew Penning

***Call to Worship + Lighting of the Advent Candle** | based on Psalm 96

Tonight is the night for a new song to be sung!

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tonight is the night to crowd around a manger, to behold the divine, born in human flesh.

Ascribe to the Lord all glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Tonight is the night to proclaim the good news, to praise God with the multitude of angels!

Shout it to the nations, "The incarnate Lord is king!"

The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. God will judge the peoples with equity."

Tonight is a night for joy to the world!

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

let the field exult, and everything in it. Let the trees of the forest sing for joy!

***Entrance Carol** | Once in Royal David's City *blue hymnal*, #49

***Prayer of Approach**

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Reading | Isaiah 9:2-7

OT Bible, pg. 638

Carol | Night of Silence *by* Daniel Kantor

Reading | Titus 2:11-14

NT Bible, page 215

***Carol** | What Child Is This *St. Andrew Songbook*, #43

Reading | Luke 2:1-7

NT Bible, page 58

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

Reading | Luke 2:8-14

***Carol** | Angels We Have Heard On High *blue hymnal*, #23

Reading | Luke 2:15-20

Carol | Wexford Carol *setting* by Alice Parker

Message | What Shall We Name Him? *Pastor* Matt Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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 | The Hills Are Bare at Bethlehem *setting* by Aaron David Miller

Prayer of Dedication

Candle Lighting Service

Candle lighters will light candles from the Christ Candle, symbolic of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, and begin to send the light around the congregation. To avoid dripping wax, only tilt the unlit candle when lighting your candle from the person sitting next to you.

Carol | Silent Night, Holy Night *blue hymnal*, #60

Please raise your candles on the final stanza.

You may extinguish your candles following the Benediction.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE THE LORD

***Benediction**

***Sending Hymn** | Joy to the World! *blue hymnal*, #40

Postlude | Good Christian Friends, Rejoice! *by* J.S. Bach

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor | Rev. Matt Paul

Readers | members of the choir

Musicians | Logos Choir + friends, Matthew Penning (organ/piano), Christmas Eve Ringers, Betty Mather (flute)

Ushers | Rich, Deb + Lauren Wretman, Bruce + Dedi Walker, Allan + Connor Mebus

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.

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

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