

## ☼ WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastors:** Rev. Bob W. David and Rev. Kyle R. Otterbein

**Lay Leader:** Cate Koeppen

**Directors of Music:** Erin Moore

**Musicians:** Lucas Moore, trombone; Claire Goodfellow + Kate Voss, cello

**Ushers:** Lorna Dykstra, Bruce + Lori Hudson

## ☼ 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.
- Flowers this morning in the Sanctuary are given by the Elizabeth Ebot family in loving memory of Moses Tabi Ebot and Rev. Peter Ebot, husband and father-in-law.
- Flowers in the Narthex are in celebration of Pastor Bob David's birthday later this week, with praise to the Lord for the gift of his presence among us.
- Our weekly *Mini-Messenger* and monthly *Messenger* newsletters are available online at: [www.saintandrew-ic.org](http://www.saintandrew-ic.org) (under the "News" heading) or in paper version in the Narthex.
- There is no Christian Education for All Ages today. Please join us again on January 16 at 9:45 am.



## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 26, 2010 ☼ 11:00 AM

*Hymns and songs may be found in The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue)*

## ☼ WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD \_\_\_\_\_

### MEDITATION

Sovereign Lord, who keeps our tears in a bottle and records our laments in your book, gather into your arms of mercy all innocent victims of this world. Make them your dearest prize, and place them on the seat of honor at your right hand. For them, we pray this prayer in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

Carols for trombone and piano

Lucas Moore, trombone

*Our music is offered to the glory of God; if you wish to express a response, a spoken "Amen" or "Praise God" is welcomed.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Isaiah 63:9*

In all our distress, the presence of the Lord has saved us.

**In his love and mercy he has redeemed us;**

he has lifted us up,

**and carried us as in all the days of old.**

The Lord sets the prisoner free, gives the refugee a home, and lifts up those who are broken.

**This Lord God will reign forever and ever. Let us worship together!**

### \*OPENING HYMN

Once in Royal David's City *blue, #49*

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, have mercy upon us.

**The year is soon spent. What we ought to have done still awaits our action.**

We think of ourselves, before we think of others.

**Immigrants, refugees, the hungry and those without hope could benefit from our attention.**

**And yet we tend to our own needs.**

Forgive us these, our sins, and make us more faithful.

**And help us to follow Christ more intentionally, we pray.**

*Silent prayer*

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*Bold print - speak or sing together in unison*

*\*please stand as you are able*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News. Our God is merciful.

**Our God is gracious.**

Our God is compassionate.

**Our God forgives our sins.**

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are healed, made new, and can go in peace.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

\*THE PEACE/TIME OF GREETING

The grace, love, and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

 GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD \_\_\_\_\_

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy Friend, from whom every family receives its hope,  
please share with us the faith that sustained the family of Mary and Joseph and Jesus.  
And enable us, through your good word, to trust your saving hand,  
even in the most precarious environment. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 63: 7-9

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

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 following the Children's Message.*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Away in a Manger *blue, #25*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2: 13-23

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

MESSAGE

The Immigrant Jesus *Rev. Bob David*

 WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD \_\_\_\_\_

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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Karen and Brian Caruth, parents

The Apostles' Creed - *blue, pg. 14*

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

What Child Is This *English folk tune*

Claire Goodfellow + Kate Voss, cello

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *blue, #592*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God our Protector,**

**thank you for making us your children and for spreading your wings of security over our lives.**


**Enable us to use these gifts to protect and provide safe-haven for your most vulnerable**

**children who, like Joseph, Mary and Jesus, have fled fearful circumstances.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

*blue, pg. 16 - traditional*

 SENDING \_\_\_\_\_

\*CLOSING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice! *blue, #28*

\*CHARGE + BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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