

Worship Participants

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

Music Participants: Matthew Penning, organ; Betty Mather, flute; Wes Habley, clarinet

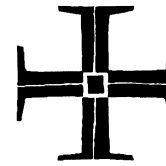
Announcements

- 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 in the Narthex are in celebration of the birthday of Rev. Bob David with gratitude and love from the St. Andrew family.
- The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Joyce Hunt in thankfulness for her St. Andrew Church family and all of God's blessings.
- 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.
- Join us on Sunday, January 17 for Christian Education for all ages at 9:45 am.



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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 27, 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

Prelude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice *setting by J.S. Bach*

*Call to Worship

When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,
God is there.

When Jesus is presented at the temple,
God is there.

When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,
God is there.

When Anna recognizes the baby Jesus in the temple,
God is there.

This very morning, in this holy place,
God is here.

In the future we cannot see,
God is already there. Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

Angels, from the Realms of Glory *blue, #22*

✚ Confession + Forgiveness

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we know that you have been present to us throughout all of history,
and with us each day of our lives.

Yet often we do not live as if we know this.

As Jesus' parents were asked to give within their means at the temple when
they presented Jesus, you ask us to give of our means.

Yet, we often fall far short of this.

Bold print - speak together in unison

**please stand as you are able*

Songs of Promise to All Generations

As Simeon recognized in baby Jesus the salvation of his people,
we recognize in Jesus the sacred way to wholeness, life and health.

Yet we often fail to follow in his steps.

As Anna recognized in baby Jesus the redemption of her people,
we recognize in him our saving grace.

Yet we often fail to rejoice and to share this good news.

Forgive us, Loving Creator.

And send your Spirit into us so that we may truly understand your never-ending love for us.

time for silent prayers of personal confession

*Words of Assurance

The scriptures promise that God will make all things new.

As God makes the year new, we also are made new by God's love and forgiveness in Jesus.

Friends, believe the Good News.

In Jesus Christ, we fully receive the unending mercy of God.

✝ The Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 148

read responsively

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.**

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the LORD!

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 during the singing of the Congregational Hymn.

Congregational Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice *blue, #28*

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-38

NT bible, pg. 59

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Simeon + Anna - Songs of Promise *Rev. Bob David*

✝ 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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice *setting by Lynette Maynard*

Betty Mather, flute (8:30)
Wes Habley, clarinet (11:00)

*Prayer of Dedication

God of Wonder, take these gifts of money and allow them to become

visions of all people fed,

visions of all people safe and healthy,

visions of all people housed,

visions of all people educated.

In Christ's name we offer this prayer. Amen.

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

Song of Simeon *blue, #603*

*Charge & Blessing

Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice *setting by Norman Dello Joio*

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