

## ✧ SENDING \_\_\_\_\_

### \*CLOSING HYMN

Prepare the Way *blue*, #13

### \*CHARGE + BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

Prepare the Way *setting by Charles W. Ore*

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

## ✧ WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Lay Leaders:** (8:30) Alex Grady (11:00) Myrna Farraj

**Directors of Music:** Laura Kastens, Erin Moore, Matthew Penning

**Ushers + Greeters:** Elders

## ✧ 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 are given in memory of Nicholas John Ceynar by his parents, Dan + Julie Ceynar.
- Interested in the ministry opportunities of St. Andrew?  
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.
- Christian Education for All Ages begins at 9:45 am  
Children ages 2 - kindergarten meet in the East Wing  
Children in grades 1-6 meet in Fellowship Hall  
Adults and Youth in grades 7-12 meet in classrooms in the North Wing



## ADVENT 2: MICAH'S HOPE

DECEMBER 5, 2010 ✦ 8:30 + 11:00 AM

*Hymns and songs may be found in The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue) or Sing! A New Creation (green).*

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

### WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

8:30: Advent Carol: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *setting by Hal H. Hopson* Jubilate!

11:00: Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People *setting by Timothy Albrecht (with G.F. Handel)*

*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 40*

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
**make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**"

As we worship today, let us prepare to welcome God's dramatic work in our midst,  
in our hearts, in our community, and in all of creation.

**Let us worship God.**

### \*GATHERING HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads *blue*, #8

## ✧ WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE \_\_\_\_\_

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Prepare the way of the Lord! Let us make our confessions to God.

### \*OUR PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season ever,  
we sadly confess having done so little with so much.**

**Forgive us, Lord,  
for not bending the knee, for not reading your Word,  
for not searching our hearts, for not facing our sins.  
Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God!**

**Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have a fresh sense  
of your presence and a renewed resolve to live as Christ's hands and hearts in the world. Amen.**

*Time for silent confession*

*Bold print - speak or sing together in unison*

*\*please stand as you are able*

## ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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\*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON *based on Isaiah 40*

"Comfort, comfort my people," says your God.  
Your sins are pardoned. The glory of God has been revealed.  
**Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

8:30: Comfort Ye My People *by Taylor Davis* Agape Singers; Justin Moser, soloist  
11:00: Comfort, Comfort Now My People *setting by John Ferguson* Logos Choir; Betty Mather, piccolo;  
Laura Kastens and Addison Schmitz, clarinet

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world;  
the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."  
**We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
**those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.** (Isaiah 9:2)


I will lead the blind by a road they do not know, by the paths they have not known I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I will do and I will not forsake them. (Isaiah 42:16)

Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.  
**Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Song of Peace *by Arnold Sherman* 8:30: Laudate! 11:00: Resound!  
Song of Peace is a reflection of the darkness of sin and the "rough places" of the world. A world in which the prophets of old warned people to turn from darkness to the light of the coming Messiah. The gentle round *Dona Nobis Pacem* (*grant us peace*), is first given a rather harsh treatment, representing the darkness and the rough places. An original, lament-like melody is interspersed with the round, echoing the psalmist's cry, "How long, O Lord, how long?" The dissonance builds and rises, and finally stops. Out of the cacophony comes the round again, this time in a much more harmonious setting, signifying the light of Christ, our eternal hope that peace will come one day for us all.

*Please join in singing at the invitation of the conductor:*



LET US HEAR GOD'S CALL TO LIVE IN THE LIGHT - *Ephesians 5:8-10, 15-17*  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

 GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 3:1-12 OT Bible, pg. 863  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:1-12 NT Bible, pg. 2  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Like a Plowed Field *Rev. Kyle Otterbein*

 WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

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

8:30: Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People *setting by Timothy Albrecht (with G.F. Handel)*  
11:00: The King Shall Come *setting by Matthew Prins* Resound!

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.**

 EUCHARIST

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER CONCERNS

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts!  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *blue, pg. 16 - traditional*

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