Worship Participants

Pastor | Rev. Matt Paul
Lay Leader | Steve Dunham
Musicians | Matthew Penning (organ/piano), Kristen DeGrazia (soloist)
Ushers + Greeters | Elders; Lora Morgan Dunham (lead)

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 the worship service.
Children's Time, for ages 3 years through kindergarten, meets in the Castle Room in the East Wing.
This is a time of unstructured play, special activities, and continuing worship.

Flowers are given in thanksgiving for Pastor Matt, Becca, Willem, Marina, and Arie with prayers for the Lord's blessings, guiding them and St. Andrew in 2012.

There is no Christian Education today for children ages 2 - grade 12 | join us again on January 15.

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.

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The First Sunday after Christmas

January 1, 2012 8:30 + 11:00 am

Fullness of grace– the love of the Father,
shown in the face of Jesus.
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity;
walking the Calvary road.
Christ, the Holy Innocent,
took our sin and punishment.
Fullness of God, despised and rejected;
Crushed for the sins of the world.
-Keith + Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

We Gather to Meet God

Prelude | Noël: bon Joseph écoutez moi *setting by* Jean-François Dandrieu

Welcome + Announcements

***Call to Worship**
We have come here to celebrate; a child has been born for us.
His name is called Wonderful Counselor, Good Shepherd, Lamb of God.
He is the babe of Bethlehem and the mighty Lord.
His name is called Savior, Author of Life, Bread of Life.
He is called Friend and Guide,
and we call him Everlasting Life and Prince of Peace and the one who brings love to all humankind.
Let us worship with praise and thanksgiving, for God is with us.

***Gathering Hymn |** Once in Royal David's City *blue hymnal,* #49

We Seek Renewal in God's Grace

***Call to Confession**
The psalmist reminds us, "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever." With this knowledge, we may confess our sins before God and one another with confidence.

***Prayer of Confession**
Merciful God, we go about our days failing to proclaim your saving power with our voices or with our actions. We do not live as ones saved, but rather as people filled with fear and doubt. We often choose what is expedient, not what is right. We close our eyes and ears to those who are in need, and close our hearts to those we claim to love. We are quick to hurt others, and slow to right our wrongs. Forgive us, O God, for all the ways we have not lived into our relationship with you. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**
Friends, "God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us." In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

***The Peace |** time of greeting
Grace, mercy and peace be to you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
And also with you.

***Congregational Response |** O Little Town of Bethlehem *blue hymnal,* #44
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 Congregational Response.

God Speaks Through His Word

New Testament Reading | Galatians 4:4-7 NT Bible, pg. 189
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(11:00) **Musical Response |** Fullness of Grace *by* Keith + Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

Gospel Reading | Luke 2:22-40 NT Bible, pg. 59
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message | Great Expectations Rev. 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 | O Little Town of Bethlehem *setting by* Mark Sedio
Prayer of Dedication

The Word Made Flesh | The Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving | The Lord's Prayer *blue hymnal,* pg. 16 - traditional
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.

Distribution of the Elements
Congregational Hymn | What Child Is This *St. Andrew Songbook,* #43

We Go Out to Serve the Lord

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

***Charge + Blessing**

Postlude | Noël Suisse *setting by* Louis Claude D'Aquin
You are invited to be seated for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!