



SAINT ANDREW

Presbyterian Church

Following Christ – Serving in Love
Engaging the World

Morning Worship
December 9, 2018
Second Week of Advent



JOHN
THE
BAPTIST

WELCOME VISITORS

If you are seeking a Church home, we are always delighted to welcome new members into the Saint Andrew fellowship. If you desire more information about Saint Andrew, please indicate on the friendship pad or speak to the minister after the service

“Accept one another just as Christ accepted you.” (Romans 15:7)
Please enter the Sanctuary quietly to prepare for worship. Today’s Scripture readings and hymns are recommended for your silent meditation and prayer.

Soli Deo Gloria

GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Silent Prayer before Worship

PRELUDE

In The Bleak Midwinter Gustav Holst/ *Sheep May Safely Graze* - J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register. If you are the last person on your row, please tear out the sheet after everyone has signed and place the sheet in the offering plate.)

Blessed Be the God of Israel

LUKE 1:68-79

Chord symbols: C, F, Gm7, Dm, C, Gm, C7, F, C, F, Gm7, Dm, Am, Gm, C7, F, C7, F, C, F, Gm7, C, F, B^b, Csus, C7, F.

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el, who comes to set us free
 2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
 3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord, you will pre-pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.
 the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all,
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
 that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Words: Carl P. Daw Jr (b. 1944) © 1989 Hope Publishing Company

Music: (FOREST GREEN 8.6.8.6 D): English folk tune; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), 1906, P.D.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 32

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!

Blessed are those whose record of sins has been erased, who spirits are not deceitful.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous! Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

*OPENING PRAYER

Elder Cindy Lesniewski

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

Call to Confession

Even on our best days, we have to be honest and acknowledge that “*all our righteousness is like filthy rags.*” (Is.64:6) But we also know that all who have come to Christ in faith have been clothed with Christ and his righteousness (Gal.3:27) and can come before God in humble confidence. Let us make confession.

Prayer of Confession

O God of grace, ever faithful to your promises, we confess that we have not welcomed our Savior as we should. We have ignored his call to repentance, we have scorned his eternal Word, we have not loved one another as we have been loved in Christ. Melt our proud hearts, O God, and prepare us to receive our Lord again, in joyful anticipation of the coming of his eternal kingdom. Amen.

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News! If God is for us, who can be against us? Know for certain that there is nothing in heaven or earth or all creation that can ever separate us from the love of God that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. I declare to you in his name, you and I are forgiven.

HYMN#169

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Minute for Mission

MOMENT for SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE with the LORD'S PRAYER (Hymn #440)

ANTHEM A Carol for Winter

Austin C. Lovelace

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Lay Reader: Janet Cravens

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:1-4 (p.802)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 3:1-9 (p.858)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Politics, Religion, and Repentance

RESPONDING TO GOD

GATHERING THE PEOPLES' OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy *Spirit*, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and *is seated* on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from *there* he shall come to judge the *living* and the dead. I believe in the Holy *Spirit*; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GOING WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

***THE CHARGE**

English carol, 18th century

GOD REST YOU MERRY: Irregular, with Refrain
 English melody, 18th century
 Har. in *Christmas Carols Old and New*, 1871

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may,
 2. From God our heav - en - ly, Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came;
 3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright,
 4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with - in this place,

Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - iour Was born on Christ - mas Day;
 And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought ti - dings of the same;
 This day is born a Sav - iour Of a pure Vir - gin bright,
 And with true love and broth - er - hood Each oth - er now em - brace;

To save us all from Sa - tan's power When we were gone a - stray.
 How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.
 To free all those who trust in Him From Sa - tan's power and might."
 This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas All oth - ers doth de - face.

REFRAIN

O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and joy;

O ti - dings of com - fort and joy. A - MEN.

***BENEDICTION**

*** All who are able, please stand.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our Homebound Members: Louis Cook, Chuck Cornelius, Evelyn Scudder, Eileen Hoehle, June Johnson, Ann Heaney, Ed Macuch, Bob Wilson, Joyce Howe, Alice Redmon, Al L'Heureux, Marian McKeown, John Stillwell

Members and Friends: Pat and Duane Seaborn, Louise Taylor, Jete McCutcheon, Marva Ellison, Shaun Rooney and Family, Bobbie Auld, Tracy and Brian Leopard, Betty Zimmerman, Leonard and Gwen McCrary, Glynn Moore, Dorothy and Frank Heckendorn, Jim Elder's Mother, Shirley Hizer, Steve Glover and Family, Renewal in the Church, Judy Shurtleff, Dr. Anna Story, Ivett Andrews, Mikki Evans, Brian Hatcher, Sheila Tucker, Flo Mundy, Kathey Elder's Mother, Randy Toney, Ralph Cauble, Heather Broome, Liddy Lofton, Lewis Pounds, Bonnie Griffin, Karen Hickman, Jeff Kissler, Judy McDowell's niece, Karen Winburn's Father, the Persecuted Church, those serving in our armed forces, and those who do not yet know Jesus

Catechism Question of the Week

Q 36 What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT ANDREW
December 9- December 15

Today	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Coffee & Fellowship
	10:45 am	Morning Worship
	4:00 pm	Greene St Diner
	4:00- 5:00 pm	Christ the King
Tuesday	9:30 am	Presbyterian Women
	11:00 am	Chapel (Harrington Park)
Wednesday	11:00 am	Prayer Gathering in the Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Brown Bag Fellowship
	6:30 pm	Prayer, Share & Study
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 pm	Prayer Group (Kershner home)

Lay Readers this month: Janet Cravens

Offering Collectors this month: Cindy and Joe Lesniewski

Greeter this month: Traci and David Westin

Door Keeper this month: David Westin

Attendance Last Week: 68

Fellowship Snacks Provided by:

GAP ITEMS OF THE MONTH
NON PERISHABLE ITEMS

Please place items in the decorated container in the parlor, remembering that if you forget to bring an item, you are welcome to contribute cash or checks (made payable to GAP Ministries).

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Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Fellowship 10:15 am

Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am

Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm*

*Every Third Sunday

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6 pm