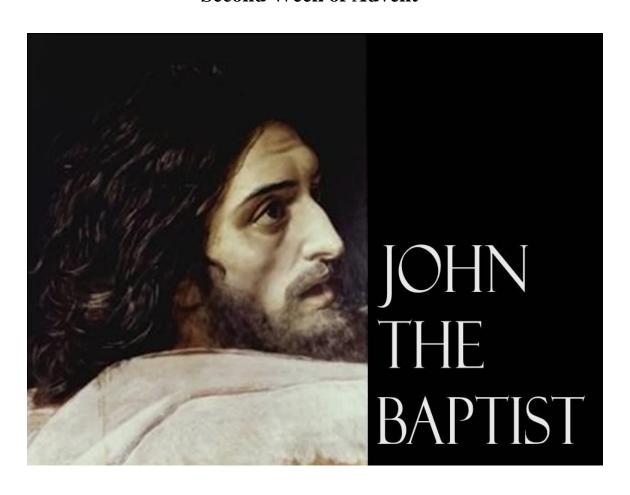




Following Christ – Serving in Love Engaging the World

Morning Worship December 9, 2018 Second Week of Advent



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

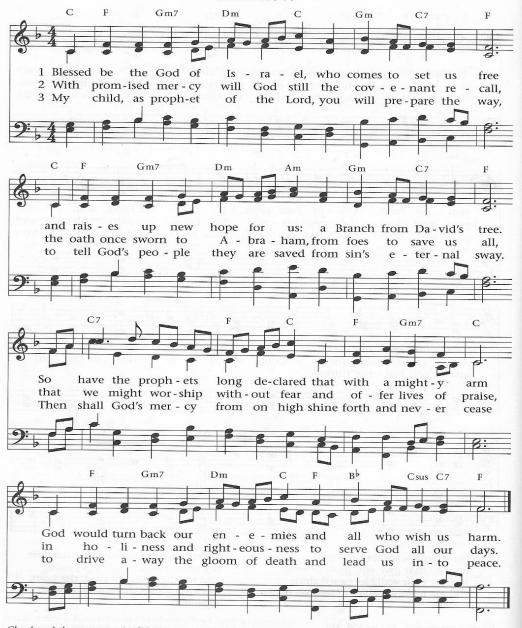
Welcome and Announcements

(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.)

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Blessed Be the God of Israel

LUKE 1:68-79



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 DE ADING

Molochi 2:1, 4 (p. 8)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:1-4 (p.802)

Luke 3:1-9 (p.858)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Politics, Religion, and Repentance

RESPONDING TO GODGATHERING 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



* 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 Leapard, 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