



# SAIN<sup>T</sup> ANDREW

Presbyterian Church

Following Christ – Serving in Love  
Engaging the World

**Morning Worship**  
**December 22, 2019**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**





Let every heart prepare room for our Lord; let every knee bow and every tongue confess:

*The Savior has been born; the world has been made new; sing for joy!*

\*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 Fourth Advent Candle

## **OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD**

Call to Confession

Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah: *“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”* (Is.55:6-7) Let us return to the Lord in confession together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted the Good News to be good. We have closed our eyes to the glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the joyful truth of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News! In the fullness of time, God sent his Son Jesus, born of a woman and born of the Spirit, to redeem all those lost in sin and darkness, that through faith in Christ they might become children of God. Jesus is truly Immanuel, God with us, and we are his forever. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you and I are forgiven.

**HYMN #195**

**Silent Night**

## MOMENT for SILENT PRAYER

Litany for Christmas with the Lord's Prayer  
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

***Glory to you, O Lord!***

Jesus, Son of the Living God, splendor of the Father, Light eternal,

***Glory to you, O Lord!***

Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace,

***Glory to you, O Lord!***

Jesus, Protector of the weak, Defender of the poor, Friend of the friendless,  
Joy of the faithful,

***Glory to you, O Lord!***

Jesus, King of heaven and earth, and crown of all the saints,

***Glory to you, O Lord!***

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God; Alleluia!

***Shout to the Lord, all the earth; Alleluia!***

O Christ, splendor of God's eternal glory, the mighty Word, sustaining the  
universe:

Renew our lives by your presence.

***Lord, have mercy.***

O Christ, born into the world in the fullness of time for the liberation of all  
creation:

Release all into your promised freedom.

***Lord, have mercy.***

O Christ, begotten of the Father before all time, born in a stable at  
Bethlehem:

May your church ever be a living sign of hope and joy.

***Lord, have mercy.***

O Christ, truly human and truly God, born to a people in fulfillment of  
prophecy and of hope:

Fulfill all our desires in you.

***Lord, have mercy.***

O Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, child of wonder and splendor, mighty  
God and Prince of Peace:

May the whole world be filled with your justice and peace.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Eternal and loving God, the coming of your Light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace and hope and joy. Teach us to proclaim the birth of your Son Jesus Christ, who is the only Savior of the world, and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, who taught us that when we pray we should say:

*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.*

ANTHEM     I Wonder As I Wander     John Jacob Niles

Ann Macey, soprano  
Robyn Macey, flute  
Donald Macey, piano

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**     Lay Reader: Carolyn Lee  
OLD TESTAMENT READING     Isaiah 60: 1-3 (p. 619)  
NEW TESTAMENT READING     Luke 2: 1-20 (p. 857)

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

# **SERMON**

# **All I Want for Christmas**

## **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 Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became  
truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death  
and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds  
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge  
one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of  
the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

# **GOING WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD**

## **\*THE CHARGE**

**HYMN#184      Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

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

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

**Our Homebound Members: Evelyn Scudder, Eileen Hoehle, June Johnson, Ann Heaney, Bob Wilson, Joyce Howe, Alice Redmon, Al L'Heureux, Marian McKeown, John Stillwell, Martha Deason, Duane Seaborn, George Dunaway, Barbara Rinker**

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## **Catechism Question of the Week**

**Q 5    What else did God create?**

**God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.**

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Sunday School 9:15 am

Sunday Morning Fellowship 10:15 am

Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6 pm