


**December 16,
2018**

**St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church**

11:00 AM

“Loving People to New Life in Christ”

With God's grace, St. Andrews strives to be a growing inclusive community of faith, working together, sharing Jesus' love, and using our gifts to build and nurture a spiritual community.

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION ~ for your personal reflection before worship.

Lord, we have come to this place from a world of demands and schedules. We have sought hope and peace and have found them here. Now we seek the inner joy that only your presence can bring to our lives. Open our hearts and our spirits to your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

.LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

ENTRANCE OF WORSHIP LEADERS

CHORAL INTROIT

O Come Let Us Adore Him John Francis Wade

GREETING

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. If you are interested in joining our church family, please speak to one of our elders, or you may call the church office during the week.

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, you can help us in our ministry by signing the worship registration pad, placed at the aisle end of your pew.

Please join us for time of fellowship following worship. We will gather in our Fellowship Hall for some light refreshments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ORGAN PRELUDE A Rossetti Christmas

C. Rossetti /D Wagner

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Today we light three candles - the first Candle is called HOPE and it is a light that shines in the dark. The second Candle is called PEACE, God's gentle loving peace for our lives. The third candle is called Joy, because of God's absolute presence in our lives. Come, all is ready. Let the light of these candles, called HOPE, PEACE, and JOY, bring brightness to your spirits.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The day foretold is coming,

People: When our bitter mouths will drink new wine, God's cup raised high at the kingdom's table!

Liturgist: The one foretold is coming -

People: Whose bread will be broken in deepest gloom: a last supper shared on a silent night!

Liturgist: The day is at hand!

People: World, feast!

Liturgist: The savior draws near!

People: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus No. 82

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

It is getting more and more difficult, Lord, for us to keep our attention on the holy things. Our lives are caught up in the planning, parties, gifts, and other such things. We get side-tracked too easily and exhausted, we fall into restless sleep. The cries of those in need abound and we are overwhelmed by the need. Too often we turn a deaf ear because we feel we just can't meet all the needs that are presented to us. Heal our

hearts and spirits, Lord. Help us understand that you do not ask us to heal everything but rather to find a simple way in which we might lighten someone else's burden, as you have lightened our lives. You have brought hope and peace to us. Now cause us to rejoice in the wondrous things that you have done. Teach us to use our gifts for the common good, and that in helping, we find great and abundant joy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS

DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Hymnal No. 113
(Refrain only)

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Look around. This place is filled with those who thank God every time they think of you. By the Lord's grace and compassion, this place is filled with those who hold you in their hearts, those whose prayers for you are filled with joy. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And with you as well.

Pastor: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Pastor Stacey

(Children, please come forward at the singing of "JESUS LOVES ME.")

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN Sanctuary No. 701

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM Love Came Down at Christmas
Copeland/Wilson

SCRIPTURE LESSON Zephaniah 3:14-20 OT pg. 826

SERMON Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones

*HYMN OF RESPONSE Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
No. 645

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Mary Had a Baby Arr: Douglas Wagner

* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow
No. 609

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

We give with joy into your Kingdom today. May you bless our offering. Come O Lord and work through these gifts. Extend your love through us we pray!
Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*HYMN O God of Every Nation No. 756

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Come, Lord Jesus Ann Laura Page

Extinguishing the candles of worship and taking the light of Christ into the world.

POSTLUDE Rise Up, Shepherds, and Follow
Arr: Douglas Wagner

When you see an * please stand as you are able.

Today's Servants

Pastor Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones
Organist: Francene Beall
Music Director: Mark Camacho
Liturgist: Susan William
Ushers: Susan and Larry William

PRAYER CONCERNS

Keep these folks in your prayers this week: Dick O'Neill (home), Dick and Aggie (joy in upcoming birth of 14th grandchild), Gail Estes (treatment for hives), Betty DeShazer (fall, continued treatment), Rita Kelly, Karl Wilmers, Dolores Wilmers, John Lucero, Don and Olga Fluke, Marian Korup, Jerry Barton, Sally Shaffer, Sue McPherson, Don Doty (son of good friend of Norm and Jan, motorcycle accident), Ray Miller (friend of Charles Franks, parkinsons diagnosis)

Keep Marine 2nd Lt. Randy Luedke in your prayers, as well as all other active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, and police officers, the victims of violence in our country; victims of the California fires and mud slides, east coast floods and storms. Pray for peace for those countries suffering from war and conflict; the ongoing conflicts and violence in our own community, all our government officials, the hungry and the homeless.

Anniversaries

Duane and Dorothy Wulfsuhle, December 24, 1954

Birthdays

Randy Luedke, December 16th

Kathy Fuller, December 19th

Thank You

Francene provided mega treats for last Sunday's "after church" gathering in Fellowship Hall. There were pretzels, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables w/buttermilk Ranch Dressing, along with some others, which will be used as next Sunday's treats. Pastor Stacey also brought in a bunch of leftovers she had, which were blueberry and lemon poppy seed muffins as well as some assorted doughnuts, Francene and Stacey, thank you so much for taking time to share these great treats with us.

Kathy
Fellowship Hall

Calendar

Today, December 16- 11:00 - Worship
Thursday, December 20- 7:00- Choir rehearsal
Friday, December 21- 11:30-Men's/Ladies' lunch, Banjos
Saturday, December 22- 1:00- Caroling, meet at the church
Sunday, December 23- 11:00 - Worship
Monday, December 24- 7:00-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service