


**December 23,
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**St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church**

11:00 AM

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“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.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION ~ for your personal reflection before worship.

Lord, be with us this morning as we encounter Mary and hear of the wondrous news that she received. Remind us that, like Mary, each one of us is a bearer of your Good News. We are called to proclaim hope, peace, joy, and love in your name, open our hearts and our spirits today to receive with great joy the love that you have for us. 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 Christmas Lullaby Arr: Albin Whitworth

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Today we light four candles - the first Candle is called HOPE and it is a reminder that God's promises are true. 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. The fourth Candle is called LOVE, because of God's great love for us. Come, all is ready. Let the light of this these candles, called HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE, bring brightness to your spirits.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: God has one great things for us!

People: God's love is heralded in the promise of Christ.

Liturgist: Holy is God's name!

People: God's promises are fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

Liturgist: God's mercy extends from generation to generation.

People: God's salvation is offered in the gift of Christ.

*HYMN O Come, O Come Emmanuel No. 88

(Vs. 1-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, even in the midst of this season of goodwill, there is much to confess. In spite of holiday cheer, stress and anxiety rule our lives. We miss the reason for the season, focusing instead on Christmas parties, long to-do lists, and trying to get the shopping done. We fail to think about your reordered world - a world where the lowly are lifted up and the hungry are filled with good things. Help us adjust our Christmas priorities, that we might join with you, O God, in preparing a world that welcomes the one who brings us peace.

SILENT PRAYERS

DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

Today's Servants

Pastor Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones
 Organist: Francene Beall
 Music Director: Mark Camacho
 Liturgist: Don Newman
 Ushers: Don and Marguerite Newman

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, Kathy Parks, 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); husband of Sandy Short (cancer diagnosis), Susan Blocker (friend of Gail Estes, cancer); Kelly Lindenmeyer

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; 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 Wulfkuhle, December 24, 1954
 Tad and Gail Estes, December 25, 1986

Birthdays

Megan Reynolds , December 23rd
 Richmond McDaniels, December 27th
 Bob Bodenheimer, December 30th
 Kelly Carr, December 31st

Thank You

We had some leftovers, that Francene and Pastor Stacey brought in last week, so it was all put to good use Sunday. I was not there, but was told there was biscotti, brownies, cookies, fresh fruit, crackers, and summer sausage, so I am pretty sure everyone who stayed after church last Sunday enjoyed all of it. Thank you again, Francene and Pastor Stacey, for sharing all of this.

Kathy

Fellowship Hall .

Calendar

Today, December 23-	11:00 - Worship
Monday, December 24-	7:00 - Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service
Sunday, December 30-	11:00 - Worship
	- Belated Christmas/Happy New Year Pot Luck