



**December 2,
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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.

Holy Source of life and hope, as we come together this day, open our ears to hear, open our eyes to see, and open our hearts to love, that we may come to know your ways and follow your paths. Help us grow in love for one another, and for all creation, as we prepare for the coming of the one who calls us to turn from our false gods to you, Holy One, the true source of our salvation. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

ENTRANCE OF WORSHIP LEADERS

CHORAL INTROIT

O Come Let Us Adore Him John Francis Wade

Pastor: God of salvation, when the people were but slaves in Egypt you called upon your servant Moses. You gave him the power to speak salvation to the Pharaoh, and led your people out of slavery. You led them over the water, and helped them Passover into freedom. When the people were hungry, you gave them food from the sky. When the people were thirsty, you brought forth water from the rocks. When the people were no people, you gave them a law.

People: Blessed are you, God of our salvation.

Pastor: When the people asked for a King, you anointed David to be a just ruler. Though flawed, David united the people, and you promised to be with his line forever. When the Kings rebelled, as you warned them they would, you anointed the prophets, who called the people back to obedience. The prophets spoke the truth to power, and called the people to remember who and whose they were. The prophets warned the people of the consequences of injustice and false worship. When the people fell into exile, the prophets spoke words of hope and restoration when all around them, there was nothing but despair.

People: A voice is crying out: "Clear the Lord's way in the desert! Make a level highway in the wilderness for our God!"

People: You promised the coming of an anointed one, who would lead the people to peace and righteousness. You promised that the descendant of David would rule forever. You promised that out of Bethlehem would come the Prince of Peace. You promised the coming of your Kingdom, when "swords would be beaten into plows, and spears into pruning hooks."

People: "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream."

Pastor: John the Baptist came, telling the people to "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!" John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. People from Jerusalem, throughout Judea, and all around the Jordan River came to him. As they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. And so now we come, having confessed our sins, searching for the Holy Spirit to come and fill us with expectant grace. We come to be transformed by what has already come, and waiting with hope for what is to come. We deck our halls with joy, but it is our hearts that truly matter.

People: Prepare the way of the Lord in our world. Prepare the way of the Lord in the world. Prepare the way of the Lord in our communities. Prepare the way of the Lord in our churches. Prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts.

Pastor: And so, in hopeful anticipation, we give thanks to you, God of Creation, God of Abraham and Sarah, God of salvation, God of the Law, God of King David, God of the Prophets, God of hope and deliverance, God of John, and God of us all. We join in praise and come together to sing unending hymn of the saints of glory.

People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might adored, heaven and earth are shining bright with the glory of your light. Loud Hosannas now we sing. In the highest they may ring. Blessed is the coming one. Christ Emmanuel your son. Glory in the highest. Holy God, your name is blessed.

People: Holy are you, and Holy is your Son Jesus Christ, who is the Word made flesh.

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Pastor: Who is the one to whom John pointed in the wilderness.

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Birthdays

Sheri French, December 3rd

Cheryll Duer, December 7th

Bill DeShazer, December 10th

Baby Shower

Baby Shower today during fellowship time for CORA CARR, daughter of Kelly (McDaniels) Carr and Jim Carr. Proud grandparents are Richmond and Sharon McDaniels.

Election of Officers

Election of officers for the class of 2021 will be following worship. Nominees from the Nominating Committee are: Sharon McDaniels, first 3-year term; Jo Ann Miller, Bob Bodenheimer and Jan Schiesser, each renewing for a second 3-year term.

Shawnee Choral Society

The Shawnee Choral Society will present its winter concert "Glad Tidings" this evening at White Concert Hall at 7:30. Admission is free; donations are accepted. Stephanie Reynolds, Matthew Reynolds and Don Newman are members of the Choral Society.

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Calendar

Today, December 2-

11:00 - Worship, Communion

Election of Officers

Baby Shower for Cora Carr During Fellowship Time

Thursday, December 6-

7:00- Choir rehearsal

Sunday, December 9-

11:00 - Worship

Coming Up

Saturday, December 22- Caroling, meet at church at 1:00

Christmas Eve - 7:00 p.m, Candlelight/Communion Service