


**December 30,
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.

God, who walks with each one of us, help us to place our trust in your guiding care for us as we gather to learn the great lessons of living in peaceful community with each other. Prepare us to be witnesses of your love and forgiveness, make us ready to work for you in your creation; for we ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen.

..LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

ENTRANCE OF WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones, Pastor

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 Unto Us a Boy Is Born Roger C. Wilson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Praise the Lord, all the earth, from the highest heights to the deepest depths!

People: Let everything sing and shout praise to the Creator!

Liturgist: Praise the Lord, all the heavens and starry host!

People: All throughout the universe may praise to God abound!

Liturgist: Come, let us joyfully praise God!

People: Let us live our praise in deeds of loving kindness. Amen.

*HYMN

Hark! The Heral Angels Sing

No. 119

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: You and I are now the ones who step forth out of the safe waters of baptism, to bring hope, to share a word of grace, to carry healing into the brokenness of the lives around us. Let us confess how we still struggle to follow in faith wherever Jesus leads us. Join me as we pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, it's only a few days after the Christmas celebration and we are exhausted. People have come and gone; gatherings are winding down; we are being reminded of the "normalcy" of life returning to us. We don't want to go there just yet. We want to linger in the warmth of the season. Forgive us when we don't seem to feel your warmth in our lives all the time Forgive us when we assign warmth only to Christmas, and then to Easter and seem to dwell on the mundane the rest of the time. Give us courage to live as people of the Light, those who find your comforting, encouraging presence in our lives at all times. Strengthen us for joyful service in your name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS

DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria

Hymnal No. 113

(Refrain only)

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come. As Christ welcomed enemies and friends, outcasts and leaders, foreigners and neighbors, let us open our hearts and homes and lives. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 OT pg. 241

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 2:41-52 . NT pg. 54

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

No. 123

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Noel

Iris Ackenhusen

* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

No. 609

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

We make our offerings, small and large, with the hope and confidence that all we do, all we offer, all we say, all we think, and all we hope will take root in this world and be the source of new expressions of God's love, of God's justice, of God's character, of God's mission, and of God's reign. May God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven through us, alongside us, despite us, and for us. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*HYMN

Joy to the World

No. 134

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE

Christians Be Joyful

JS Bach

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

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; victims of storms and earthquakes. 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

Brian and Jan McPherson, January 5, 2006

Birthdays

Bob Bodenheimer, December 30th

Kelly Carr, December 31st

Mary Jane Elder, January 2nd

Don Newman, January 3rd

Thank You

For the "after church gathering" in Fellowship Hall last Sunday, there were some leftover treats, from the previous Sunday, put out. But there was also a multitude of other people who brought in leftovers. I was told that when it came down to the tail end, there wasn't much left over. That is great. Thank all of you who shared your goodies with our church family. I know everyone enjoyed them and the time they got to spend with church family.

Kathy

Fellowship Hall

Calendar

Today, December 30-

11:00 - Worship

Belated Christmas/Happy New Year Pot Luck

Thursday, January 3-

7:00 - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 6-

11:00 -Worship, Communion