

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
January 7, 2018 ♦ 11:00 a.m.
Epiphany

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church is a gathering of God's people following the call of Jesus Christ and moved by the Holy Spirit to praise God and grow in faith, welcoming and serving the greater community in God's love for the salvation of all people.
~ Our Mission Statement

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Brightest and Best

Rasley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 19:1-4

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

**The glory of God echoes throughout the world.
Let us praise the name of the Lord.**

*HYMN 69

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

*All who are able, please stand. Listening devices and large-print materials
are available from the ushers.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, Light of the world,
we confess that we have not resisted the darkness of sin.
You deliver the poor and the helpless, but we have ignored their cry.
You take pity on the weak and the destitute,
but our hearts are hard in the face of their need.
You heal the wounded and save the oppressed
but we have placed our trust in the callous violence of war.
Forgive us, we pray.
Awaken in us sincere repentance
that we may shine with the light of your saving grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

COMING TO CHRIST AS A CHILD Rob Cochran

*HYMN 66 vs 1 & 5 *We Three Kings*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist: David Overholt
O God, nations shall come to your light and rulers to the brightness of your dawn. By the compelling radiance of your Spirit, draw us near, reveal your truth, and teach us faithful obedience to your holy Word. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 60:1-6 Pew Bible O.T. page 690

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning* Michael Larkin
Chancel Choir

COMMUNION OF GOD’S PEOPLE
All Christians are invited to participate in the Sacrament fully.
It is our custom to commune at the time we are served the bread and the cup.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 411 *Arise Your Light Is Come*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts* Whitworth

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SEALING THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...Therefore we praise you,
Joining our voices with the heavenly choirs
And with all the faithful of every time and place,
Who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn 581

Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

For great is the mystery of faith.
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

EPIPHANY WORDS

You are invited to take a word, as they are passed, to walk with in this year.
O Lord, use these words to speak and to guide us in this year, showing us your presence. Amen

*HYMN 53*What Child Is This?*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*SUNG RESPONSE*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Loving God, we give you thanks for the light of the world, Jesus Christ, through whom we have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in your promise. Receive the gifts we offer in union with Jesus our brother, and help us to live to the honor and glory of your name. Amen.

OFFERTORY*What Star Is This?*Ritter