

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

December 3, 2023 1st Sunday of Advent

~ Our Values ~ Christ First – Inviting – Joyful – Open-Minded

~ Our Mission Statement ~ Inspired by the love of Christ, we are building a community that invites our neighbors into a relationship with God and each other.

Welcome to St. Andrews—we’re glad to have you worship with us.

Visitors, please fill out a blue “Welcome” card – we’d love to get to know you!

You will find yellow prayer cards in the pews if you have a request or a celebration you would like to share...an usher will come by to collect them.

Please sign the friendship register (on the center aisle) to record your attendance with us.

Children’s
Bulletin
Pictures

Gathering Around the WORD

Prelude

The Angel Gabriel

Robert Lau



Advent Wreath

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Isaiah. 2:4



**We are preparing ourselves for the days
when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.**

Sung prayer

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Hymn 9 vs. 1



Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn

O Come O Come Emmanuel

*Prayer of Confession



**Merciful God, you are always with us,
and yet we confess that we do not know
how to prepare for your Advent.**

We have forgotten how to hope in miracles.

We have don’t always believe in the promise of your kingdom.

**Our lives are already filled, we struggle to clear out space,
and yet we long for more.**

Silent Prayers

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Proclaiming the WORD

Coming to Christ as a Child

Rob Cochran

Special Music

People, Look East
Bells of St. Andrews

arr. Linda Lamb



Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist: Lorna Everhart

**The world news we hear most often is news of war and terror,
disasters and scandal. Holy God, help us today, to hear Your Word
and Your hope that comes us through Jesus. Amen.**



Isaiah 64:1-9



*Song

For Unto Us/Open the Eyes



Luke 1:5-25



Meditation

A Crazy Message

Pastor Robin



Responding to the WORD

*Hymn 38

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear



*Affirmation of Faith

Lorna Everhart

Our only hope is Jesus Christ.

**After we refused to live in the image of God, he was born of the virgin Mary,
sharing our genes and our instincts, entering our culture, speaking our language,
fulfilling the law of God.**

**Being united to Christ's humanity, we know ourselves when we rest in him.
Come, Lord Jesus: We are open to your Spirit. We await your full presence.
Our world finds rest in you alone.**

*Song

Hope Has a Name



Presenting Our Offerings

Liturgist: Lorna Everhart



Prayer of Dedication

O Mighty One, you have done and are doing great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—ourselves, our time, and our possessions—that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Hope. Amen.

Offertory Anthem

Waiting and Longing

Lloyd Larson



Sealing and Bearing the WORD into the World

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Prayers around the Table and 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

Communion of God's People

You are invited to come forward and receive the bread and the cup.

If you would like the elements brought to you, please let an usher know.

If you are at home, please find something to be the bread and the cup for you.

Prayer After Communion.



*Song

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

*Charge and Benediction

*Sending Song



Ways to support the ministries of the church:

1. Mail a check. If you have offering envelopes, they're self-addressed & just need a stamp.
2. Online giving. <https://onrealm.org/standrewslebanon/-/give/now>
3. Text a gift: *SAPC* \$_____to 73256

All services are in the sanctuary and streamed @ www.standrewslebanon.org/watchlive

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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREWS



Sun. Dec 3

8:45AM-10AM Alternative Gift Fair in Gathering Area
9AM Sunday School / 10AM Worship
11AM Adult Sunday School on Psalms in Chapel
2-4PM Story Time With St. Nick

Tue. Dec 5

9-10AM Sew & Sew
1:30PM Band Together
1:30PM Staff Meeting
7PM Session

Wed. Dec 6

6:00-6:45PM Praise Team Rehearsal
6:45-7:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
7PM WEBS (Wed. Eve. Bible Study) in Chapel
7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thu. Dec 7

12-2PM New Era Lunch & Carol Sing – Snyder Hall

Fri. Dec 8

7-8PM Ashley Butters Violin School Recital - Sanctuary

Sun. Dec 10

9AM Sunday School / 10AM Worship
11:15AM Christmas Luncheon – Snyder Hall
3:30PM Youth Ring & Sing
4-6PM EPYC(6th -12th Gr.)/Trailblazers (1st – 5th Gr.)



Chancel Flowers In grateful thanks for God's great gift of love through Jesus, who is the reason for this holiday season.

Story Time With St Nick: TODAY! 2-4PM

Carol Sing-Along: Thu. Dec 7th 12PM – Lunch will be brought in – self pay. Sign Up!

Christmas Luncheon: Dec. 10th after worship! The meal is provided – just Sign Up!

Adult 9AM Sun. School join Pastor Robin in the Chapel - Advent Study: 'The Journey'

WEBS Wed. Evening Bible Study Advent study has begun. 7pm in the chapel. Using the DVD "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes" by Matt Rawle. No book is needed. Questions about this study or WEBS, call/text the Ken Gries knagries@aol.com or 717-679-0677.