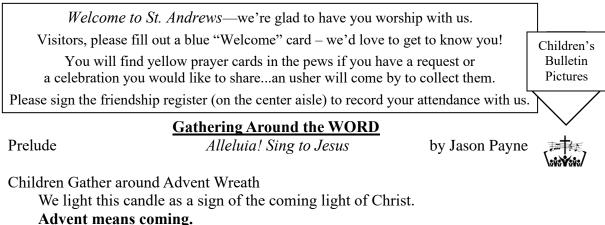
# *St. Andrews Presbyterian Church* December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

~ *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.



We are preparing for the full coming of God's kingdom: —Isaiah 11:6, NRSV

Sung prayer

Hymn 9 vs. 2

Oh come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn 12

People, Look East

\*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, always with us, always coming:

We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent.

We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;

we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;

we get distracted by all the busyness of this season.

Forgive us, God.

Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for Christ's coming.

Silent Prayers



\*Assurance

\*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

Prayer for Illumination

God of all heaven and earth, through the writings of the prophets and  $\mathfrak{O}\mathscr{O}$ the preaching of John the Baptist, you have called us to prepare our hearts for you. Ready us now to hear your Word and to respond as faithful servants, in the hope of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Malachi 3:1-4 NRSV

For Unto Us A Child Is Born/Open the Eyes of My Heart \*Song

Luke 1:1-25 ESV

Meditation

A Life Changing Message

## **Responding to the WORD**

Prepare the Way

\*Hymn 13

\*Affirmation of Faith from: *Our Song of Hope*, st. 3, closing prayer Penny Samuelson 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

Hark the Herald Angels Sing Vs. 1 Praise Team

Presenting Our Offerings

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 Redeemer. Amen.

Rob Cochran





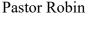








Penny Samuelson



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Anthem



#### 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 communion. If it is best for you to stay at your seats, let the ushers know and communion will be brought to you.

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

\*Song

*Glory (Let There Be Peace)* 

\*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 1	9AM Sunday School for all / 10AM Wor 11AM Adult Sunday School 2-4PM Story Time With St. Nicholas	rship/Stewardship Sunday
Mon. Dec 2	7PM Follow-Ship Group	
Tue. Dec 3	9AM Sew & Sew 1:30PM Band Together & 1:30PM Staff Meeting 7PM Session Meeting	
Wed. Dec 4	6PM Praise Team Rehearsal 6:45PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM WEBS Bible Study 7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Mission Spotlight Dec: Shampoo & Deodorant (men's & women's)
Thu. Dec 5	2PM Follow-Ship Group	
Fri. Dec 6	7:30PM Hershey Handbell Concert in Sanctuary	
Sun. Dec 8	8:45-11:30 Alternative Gift Fair 9AM Sunday School for all / 10AM Worship / 4-6PM EPYC/Trailblazers Youth Groups	

The Chancel Poinsettia reminds us that Christ's birth is the reason for this joyous season.

Hershey Handbell Concert Fri. Dec 6, 7:30pm (Cookies needed!) Postcards in the Narthex–Invite your neighbors!

Alternative Gift Fair: December 8, 8:45am-11:30am in the Gathering Area.

**New Era Event:** Thurs. <u>Dec 12<sup>th</sup></u>, 11:30AM - <u>Christmas Caroling "Reboot"</u> with Carole/Lisa – Starting with lunch—Soups, Bread, Salad & Dessert - \$5 per person

Advent Devotionals There are a few that will follow along with the sermon series in Luke. There are also devotionals available for family devotions and for Youth and younger children as well. Avail. In the Gathering Area.

Christmas Joy Offering will be collected in December. Envelopes are in the pews.

Angel Tree is up! In the Gathering Area – Return UN-wrapped gifts by Dec. 15th

**Men's Group** (newly reorganized!) First meeting <u>Sat. Dec. 21</u> at 8:30AM. Coffee, donuts and discuss the Theology of the Peanuts (Charlie Brown Christmas)