

*St. Andrews Presbyterian Church*  
December 22, 2024 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

Gathering Music

*Emmanuel*

Children Gather around Advent Wreath

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

**Advent means coming. We are preparing for the full coming of God's kingdom.**

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

Sung Prayer (seated)

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

*Hymn 23 Vs. 3*

***Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing,  
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the Newborn King.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, in excelsis Deo.***



Welcome and Announcements

\*Song

*Hymn of Joy*



\*Prayer of Confession

**O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.  
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.**



Silent Prayers

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing of the Peace

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

Coming to Christ as a Child

Rob Cochran

## Proclaiming the WORD

Prayer for Illumination

David Overholt



**God of the universe, you have called us to prepare our hearts for your visitation. Ready us now to hear your Word and to respond as faithful servants, to the glory of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Isaiah 12:2-6 NRSV

\*Hymn 309

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*



Luke 1:57-80 ESV



Meditation

*Overflowing Praise*

Pastor Robin



## Responding to the WORD

\*Song

*Emmanuel*



\*Affirmation of Faith

from *The Worship Sourcebook*

David Overholt

**In love you came to a stable in Bethlehem  
to become one with us.**

**In love you walked the plains and hills of Galilee and Judea  
to teach us how to live.**

**In love you were nailed on a cross on Calvary  
to bear away our sin.**

**In love you rose from a tomb in Joseph's garden  
to defeat death's power over us.**

**In love you ascended beyond the clouds  
to be our reigning Lord.**

**You came to love us so that we need never feel  
unloved, deserted, alone, condemned.**

\*Sung Response

*I Danced in the Morning*

Hymn 302 vs. 1 & 5



Presenting Our Offerings

David Overholt



Prayer of Dedication

**Holy God, you have done and are doing great things for us. 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.**

Anthem

*Redeem, Restore, Renew*

Joseph Martin



**Bearing the WORD into the World**

Prayers of the People 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.**



\*Hymn 31

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

*Tiding of Joy!*

Mary McDonald

**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](http://www.standrewslebanon.org/watchlive)*

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREWS



- Sun. Dec 22** 9AM Sunday School for all / 10AM Worship  
3:30-4:00 Ring & Sing / 4-6PM Youth Group Christmas Party
- Tue. Dec 24** 5PM Christmas Eve Family Worship  
7:30PM Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Worship
- Wed. Dec 25** Merry Christmas!
- Thu. Dec 26** Church Offices Closed
- Fri. Dec 27** Church Offices Closed
- Sun. Dec 29** 9AM Sunday School for All / 10AM Worship  
11AM Coffee Hour

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

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

**'Sew & Sew' Christmas Shoppe** is open through December! Handmade gifts for your Christmas Shopping List! Look for our tables in the hallway by the workroom.

**Christmas Eve Worship**, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: 5PM Family Service (Nursery available) and  
7:30PM Lessons & Carols

**Star (Epiphany) Words** are available to share with friends and family.

**\*\*If you will be in worship on **January 5th**, please wait to receive your word!**

**Sunday School** NO Sunday School on Dec 29<sup>th</sup> – Resumes Jan 5<sup>th</sup>

Adult Classes: 9:00AM: Hebrews lead by Jim Reilly. (Beginning 1/05)

11:00AM Psalms lead by Rick Borger

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study (WEBS)** will kick-off 2025 with a study of the Christian classic "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis. The study will begin on Wednesday January 8, 2025, at 7PM in the Chapel. If you would like to order a book, please sign up in the Gathering Area or contact the Church office. The cost is \$10.00. If you have any questions about this study or WEBS in general, please contact Ken Gries kwgries1968@gmail.com or 717.679.0677 (call or text)