

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
December 7, 2025 2nd Sunday of Advent

Christ First Inviting Joyful Open-Minded

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. It is a joy to worship together!

Please sign the friendship register on the center aisle.

If you have a prayer request or a joy to lift up, find a yellow prayer card in the pews.

An usher will come by to collect them.

Nursery care is available during worship for younger children. As children grow, they grow into our worship together. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. We have 'Church in a Bag' in the narthex to engage younger worshippers.

Children's
Bulletin
Pictures

Gathering Around the WORD

Gathering Music

Angels (Glory to God)



Advent Wreath

Friends, hope is: **Being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.**

Peace is: **The wolf lying down with the lamb.**

A different way of life that God leads us towards.

Sung Prayer

Emmanuel

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus: by your tender mercy the dawn breaks upon us.

Guide our feet this day in paths of peace. Amen.



*Song

Glory (Let There Be Peace)



*Prayer of Confession



O promised Christ: we are a world at war. **Our peace depends on your coming.**

We are a sinful people. **Our pardon depends on your coming.**

We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises.

Our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it.

Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace,

for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus.

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

Prayer for Illumination

Judy Borger



**O God, our beginning and end, by whose command time runs its course:
bless our impatience, perfect our faith, and, while we await the fulfillment
of your promises, grant us hope in your Word. Amen.**

Luke 1:11-20 ESV



*Hymn 13

Prepare the Way



Luke 18:1-14 ESV



Meditation

Persistence & Prayer

Pr. Robin Morgan



Responding to the WORD

*Song

Make Room



*Affirmation of Faith from: *Our Song of Hope, St. 3, closing prayer* Judy Borger

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.

*Sung Response

Wait for the Lord

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Presenting Our Offerings

Judy Borger

Prayer of Dedication



**God of extravagant mercy, with hands outstretched you have poured out
wonder and pleasure and delight, goodness and beauty and bounty.**

**So take these offerings, we pray, as our protest against all that is evil and ugly
and impoverished, trivial and wretched and tyrannical, in our world**

and in ourselves—and thus may we and others know ourselves to be blessed. Amen.



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 seated, let the ushers know-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



*Hymn 38

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear



*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

Prepare the Way

James Mansfield

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 7	9-9:45AM Sunday School for All / 9-11AM Nursery Available 10AM Worship / 11AM Coffee Hour / 11:15AM Psalms Class 2-4PM Story Time with St. Nick / <u>4PM Ring & Sing</u>
Mon. Dec 8	7PM Committees: Worship, Christian Ed, Admin & Personnel
Tue. Dec 9	9AM Sew & Sew 1:30PM Band Together / Staff Mtg. 6PM Knitting Guild
Wed. Dec 10	6:30PM WEBS (Wed. Evening Bible Study) 6:45PM Handbell Rehearsal / 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal
Thu. Dec 11	11:30AM New Era Christmas Carols & Lunch
Fri. Dec 12	8:30AM Fellowship Walking Group @ S. Hills Park
Sat. Dec 13	8AM Men's Group / 10:30AM Free Noon Meal —Rick Borger
Sun. Dec 14	9-9:45AM Sunday School for All / 9-11AM Nursery Available 10AM Worship / 11AM Coffee Hour / 11AM Christmas Luncheon

The Chancel Poinsettia reminds us that Christ's birth is the reason for this joyous season, given by Nadine & Fred Jones.

Dec 7 - Story Time with Santa 2-4PM Crafts, Cookies, Free Photos, Santa's Story!

Faithful Bakers: Cookies & Treats are needed for **Dec 7, please!!**

'Sew & Sew' Christmas Shoppe! Handmade gifts—hallway outside the music room!

Dec 11 - New Era Carol Sing & Lunch – Sign up in the Gathering Area!

Dec. 13 – Free Noon Meal – see Rick Borger if you can help!

Dec 14 - Angel Tree gifts (Unwrapped!) *need to be returned to church!*

Dec 14 - Christmas Luncheon in Snyder Hall right after 10AM worship! Sign up!

WEBS Advent Study @ 6:30pm in the Chapel. A journey through the timeless lessons of "A Christmas Carol," using the 1984 film. No prep needed—watch & discuss.

Advent devotionals for all ages and a daily Advent reading plan are available under the TV in the Gathering Area.

Christmas Eve Worship Wed. Dec 24 @ 7PM – Carols, Candles & Cookies -
A Service for all ages followed by Fellowship!

Star Words available to give to others. (For your own – wait until Jan. 4th!)