

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
December 14, 2025 3rd 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

Prelude

Bring A Torch, Jeannette, Isabella

David Cherwien



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.

Joy is: **The space between our breath and our laughter—contagious.**

Sung Prayer

He Came Down

from Glory to God

Welcome and Announcements

Moment For Mission

Men’s Group

Ken Gries

Advent Prayer

Holy God, thank you for this new day to sing your praise and watch for signs of your kingdom. By your Spirit, let us abound in love for you and your children, that in living and loving we may point to your coming reign. Amen.



*Hymn 22

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

*Prayer of Confession

O God, we live as if the light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us. And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. We confess that we ignore the Christ you sent to be among us, to be in us. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to your coming.

Silent Prayers

O Lord, we turn now with open eyes and open hearts.

Let the earth ring with song. Let the light break forth.

Let us all rejoice in the miracle of presence.

Let Christ come into the fullness of our time. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon



*Passing of the Peace

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

Special Music

Pie Jesu
Bells of St. Andrews

Andrew Lloyd Webber/arr. Douglas Wagner

Proclaiming the WORD

Coming to Christ as a Child

Rob Cochran

Prayer for Illumination

Diane Pomeroy

**Gracious God, inspire us as we hear your Word proclaimed,
to open our hearts to Jesus and to serve him with Joy. Amen.**



Luke 1:39-45 ESV



*Song

Hymn of Joy



Luke 18:15-34 ESV



Meditation

Like a Child

Pr. Robin Morgan



Responding to the WORD

*Hymn 49

Once in Royal David's City



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

Diane Pomeroy

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

Adore



Presenting Our Offerings

Diane Pomeroy

Prayer of Dedication



Ever-giving God, You are the source of all goodness.

With joy we bring our thanksgiving. We return to you from our abundance.

**All that we give, we dedicate to your glory. All that we keep, we commit to your
care, for we are only stewards of your bounty. Bless what we give and what we
keep, for all is your creation. Amen.**

Anthem

Is Your Heart Prepared for a King

Robert Lau



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.



*Song

Angels (Glory to God)



*Charge & Benediction

*Sending Song

*Please join us for the Christmas Luncheon
downstairs in Snyder Hall right after Worship!*

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 14	9-9:45AM Sunday School for All / 9-11AM Nursery Available 10AM Worship / 11AM <u>Christmas Luncheon</u> / 12:15 Ring & Sing 4PM Youth Groups
Mon. Dec 15	7PM Follow-Ship Group
Tue. Dec 16	9AM Sew & Sew 1:30PM Band Together / Staff Mtg. 6PM Safety Task Force Mtg. 7PM Property, Fellowship, Stewardship & Finance Mtgs
Wed. Dec 17	6:30PM WEBS (Wed. Evening Bible Study) 6:45PM Handbell Rehearsal / 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal
Thu. Dec 18	2PM Follow-Ship Group
Sun. Dec 21	9-9:45AM Sunday School for All / 9-11AM Nursery Available 10AM Worship / 11:15 Psalms Class

The red rosebud in the chancel honors the birth of Russell Charles Smith on March 27, 2025, son of McNeill Shiner and Joey Smith, and grandson of Jere and Cliff Shiner.

Dec 14 - Angel Tree gifts Unwrapped - Due today!

Dec 14 – TODAY Christmas Luncheon in Snyder Hall right after worship!

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

GIVING TRAIN Donations Needed: New and gently-used coats, especially adult sizes; new adult underwear, pajamas, and socks in all sizes and styles for men and women. Donated items will be given to local charity groups as needed. Place in the “Train” collection bin in the Gathering Area throughout December.

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

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 available under the TV in the Gathering Area.

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