

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
December 21, 2025 4th 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

The Angel Gabriel

Robert Lau



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.**

Love is: **Unquenchable, never-ending, born in a manger, here today.**

Sung Prayer

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

Hymn 309 vs. 1

Welcome and Announcements

Morning Prayer



*Hymn 12 vs. 1,4,5

People Look East



*Prayer of Confession

O Faithful God, forgive our faltering faith.

And see beyond our thoughtlessness,

our poor choices, and our fear of being fully seen.

See into our hearts, for you are our treasure.

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

David Overholt

**Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within me.
Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.
Let my heart always welcome your love. Amen.**



Matthew 1:18-24



*Hymn 27

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child



Luke 18:35-19:10



Meditation

What Do You Want?

Pastor Robin



Responding to the WORD

*Hymn 53

What Child is This



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

David Overholt

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

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Hymn 309 vs. 2-3



Presenting Our Offerings

David Overholt

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, with thankfulness we give in gratitude and joy.

With prayerfulness we give in sacrifice and love.

With hopefulness we give in commitment to God. 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 & Benediction

*Postlude

Gloria

Jason Payne

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 21** 9-9:45AM Sunday School for All / 9-11AM Nursery Available
10AM Worship / 11:15 Psalms Class
3:30PM Ring & Sing / 4PM Youth Groups
- Tue. Dec 23** *No Sew & Sew today*
No Band Together today
- Wed. Dec 24** 7PM Christmas Eve Worship followed by Fellowship
- Thu. Dec 25** *Merry Christmas!* (Church Office Closed)
- Fri. Dec 26** (Church Office Closed)
- Sun. Dec 28** 9-9:45AM Adult Class (No Youth Classes)
9-11AM Nursery Available
10AM Worship / 11:15 Psalms Class
11:30AM-1PM Home For the Holidays: College/Young Adults
Lunch & Sharing

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!

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

Men’s Group - All men are invited to join our upcoming study as we walk through “Quiet Strength” by Tony Dungy. This study will challenge us to grow as godly men in our walk with Jesus. We will begin on **Saturday January 10th at 8:00 am** in the Gathering Area. If interested, please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area.

Free Noon Meal – Saturday, January 10th – sign up in the Gathering Area to help!