

# *St. Andrews Presbyterian Church*

December 28, 2025 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

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



Welcome and Announcements

Morning Prayer



\*Hymn 23 vs. 1 & 3

*Angels We Have Heard on High*



\*Christmas Prayer

**God of birth, God of joy, God of life,  
we come to you as a people hungry for good news.  
We have been so dead to miracles  
that we have missed the world's rebirth.  
We have preoccupied ourselves with tasks  
and have overlooked the joy you offer us.  
We have been so concerned with making a living  
that we have missed the life you set among us.  
Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift;  
open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity.**



Silent Prayers

\*Assurance of Grace

\*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

Rick Borger



**Lord Jesus, send your Spirit among us now,  
that we too might hear and experience  
the wonder and joy of the living Word  
seeking to welcome Your Word into our lives. Amen.**

Luke 2:22-38 ESV



\*Hymn 28

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*



Luke 19:11-27 ESV



Meditation

*About the Gifts*

Pastor Robin



**Responding to the WORD**

\*Hymn 302

*I Danced in the Morning*



\*Affirmation of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Rick Borger

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;  
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.  
All things have been created through him and for him.**

**He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

**He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.**

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was  
pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace  
through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

\*Sung Response

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Hymn 48



Presenting Our Offerings

Rick Borger

Prayer of Dedication



**God of wonder, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness  
and mercy. Receive them with our gratitude, that through us  
all people may know the riches of your love in the Word-made-flesh. Amen.**

Offertory



## **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 40

*Joy to the World!*



\*Charge & Benediction

\*Postlude

### **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 28** 9-9:45AM Adult Class (No Youth Classes)  
9-11AM Nursery Available  
10AM Worship / 11:15AM Psalms Class  
11:30AM-1PM Home For the Holidays-College/Young Adults  
Lunch & Sharing  
(No Youth Music or Youth Group Mtg today)
- Tue. Dec 30** 9AM Sew & Sew  
1:30PM Band Together
- Wed. Dec 31** (Church Office Closed)
- Thu. Jan 1** *Happy New Year!* (Church Office Closed)
- Fri. Jan 2** (Church Office Closed)
- Sun. Jan 4** 9-9:45AM Sunday School for All / 9-11AM Nursery Available  
10AM Worship / 11:15AM Psalms Class  
(No Youth Music or Meetings until Jan 11<sup>th</sup>.)

**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.

**Star Words** available to give to others. (For your own – wait until Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>!)

**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 10<sup>th</sup> – sign up in the Gathering Area to help!

### **Mission Spotlight - Jan:**

Chicken or Tuna Salad Kits;  
Canned Soup