

St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church



A child has been born for us...
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace
- Isaiah 9:6

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve 2025 - Lessons & Carols – 7PM

~ *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.

PRELUDE Lisa Meyer, Organ & Carole Haines, Flute

LIGHTING OF THE 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.**

Christmas is: **A love song to the world. The light that shines in the darkness.**

Let us make a joyful noise!

*Carol *O Come All Ye Faithful!*

Hymn 41 vs. 1&3

*O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come, and behold Him,
Born the King of angels! O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

WELCOME

EVENING PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF SIX LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7

Isaiah tells of the birth of Israel's true king

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Ring and Sing on chimes

CAROL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymn 9 vs. 1 & 3

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

COMING TO CHRIST AS A CHILD

Entering the Story

Rob Cochran

SECOND LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

The Angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary

SONG

Mary Did You Know?

Praise Team

THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

St. Luke tells of the birth of Christ

*CAROL

Away in a Manger

Hymn 24 vs. 1 & 3

***Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.***

***The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.***

***Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.***

***Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.***

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

The shepherds go to the manger

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn 44 vs. 1 & 4

***O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.***

***O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!***

FIFTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus

*CAROL

We Three Kings

Hymn 66 vs. 1 & 5

***We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!***

***Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies.
Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!***

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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.**

ANTHEM

Come, Graceful Rose

Joseph Martin

SIXTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

St. John unfolds the mystery of the incarnation

MEDITATION

Pastor Robin

*SONG

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

Praise Team

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
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.

GOING WITH CHRIST AS A CHILD *Taking Christmas With You*

CANDLE LIGHTING

CAROL *Silent Night* Hymn 60 vs. 1,3,4

***Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.***

***Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.***

***Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.***

*CAROL *Joy to the World* Hymn 40 vs. 1,2,4

***Joy to The world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.***

***Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.***

***He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of his love.***

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*POSTLUDE

Join us for Christmas Cookies in the Gathering Area!

~All are welcome to 10AM Sunday worship!~

Sunday, December 28th

Sunday, January 4th Epiphany Sunday & Communion
(Come receive your 'star word' in worship!)

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as
of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." John 1:14*

All services are in the sanctuary and streamed @ www.standrewslebanon.org

Ways to support the ministries of the church:

Mission Spotlight collection tubs are located beside the doors into the sanctuary. Each month different items are 'spotlighted' for you to drop off, and the contents go to Lebanon County Christian Ministries.

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

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CHRISTMAS 2025 – POINSETTIA LIST

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

<i>My husband, Leo, our parents, my brother & loved ones</i>	by Betty Ann Seiser
<i>My husband, Ed Crager and son, Brett</i>	by Kathy Crager
<i>My parents</i>	by Kathy Crager
<i>Lois J. Bomberger</i>	by Linda & Ford Rau, Deborah Miller
<i>Larry Everhart & loved ones</i>	by Lorna Everhart
<i>Our parents</i>	by Don & Nancy Leshner
<i>My husband, Robert L. Yates</i>	by Pat Yates
<i>Parents: Joseph E. Sr, Mary B., and Lorraine H. McSparran</i>	by Pat Yates
<i>John M. and Mary E. Yates</i>	by Pat Yates
<i>My brother, Joseph E. McSparran Jr</i>	by Pat Yates
<i>Jack Juppenlatz, Jane Juppenlatz & Anthony Devitz</i>	by the Juppenlatz Family
<i>Claire Lundberg & David Juppenlatz</i>	by the Juppenlatz Family
<i>Jean Miller & loved ones</i>	by Claude Miller, MD, Julie Kramer & Karen Anderson
<i>Nancy Hakkinen</i>	John & Summer Hakkinen
<i>Mr. and Mrs. Walter Craddock Jones</i>	by Frederick & Nadine Jones
<i>Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Dillon</i>	by Frederick & Nadine Jones
<i>Margaret Hearson</i>	by Robert Hearson
<i>My husband, Philip C. Hanford, Jr.</i>	by Betty Jeanne Turgeon
<i>James & Marian Bausman</i>	by Gwen & Mike Yordy
<i>Herman & Anna Yordy</i>	by Gwen & Mike Yordy
<i>All of our family who have gone before us</i>	by Gwen & Mike Yordy
<i>Grandma and Boompa</i>	by Jacob, Henry, Madeleine
<i>John W. Magill, Jr</i>	by the David Overholt family
<i>Jeannie Overholt</i>	by the David Overholt family
<i>Maurice and Corrine Overholt</i>	by the David Overholt family
<i>Our parents and brothers</i>	Dick & Bonnie Houtz
<i>John & Ruth Kirkwood and loved ones</i>	David Kirkwood

IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES / TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY:

Ken and Robin Gries
John & Rita Solie
Helen Leaman
Donald & Margaret Beatty
Barbara & Jack Kopeski
Lorna Everhart
Perry & Bob Latshaw

IN HONOR OF:

<i>My children: John M. II and Robin M. Yates;</i>	
<i>Edward J. and Amy M. Zabiegalski;</i>	by Pat Yates
<i>Timothy R. Yates and Stephanie Allen</i>	
<i>My grandson Robert L. Yates II & fiancé, Morgan</i>	by Pat Yates
<i>My deacon, Mary Lynne;</i>	
<i>My deacon Emeriti, Maggie Beatty & Ann Ormond</i>	by Pat Yates
<i>Our grandchildren</i>	by Bob and Perry Latshaw
<i>Valerie Chevalier</i>	by Barry & Gini Badger
<i>Family</i>	by Lorna Everhart
<i>Shalters Family & Holcomb Family</i>	Dennis & Karen Shalters
<i>Grandma Sue</i>	by Jacob, Henry, and Madeleine
<i>Our children and grandchildren</i>	Dick & Bonnie Houtz
<i>Archibald & Lydia ('Betty') Stalcup</i>	David Kirkwood