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ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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5:30 P.M.

*Please stand where * indicate

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***CAROL**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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 angles, Sing in exultation! Sing all ye citizens of heaven above. Glory to God, 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!

CHIMES AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT

"Gloria, Alleluia!"

Handbell Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Adkins Family

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given!

God has brought light into every darkness.

The promises of God are fulfilled! Wonderful Counselor! Mighty God!

Everlasting Father! Prince of Peace!

We hear, even today, a chorus of angels bringing good news of great joy to all the people.

We light the Candle of Christ -- witness to the Savior who is Christ the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest Heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors.

*CAROL

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

Myles Billheimer

God creates the world, the light is good

CAROL

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; you, who sang creation's
story, now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ,
the newborn king!

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the
eternal Three in One: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn
king!

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7b; 11:1-2

Sandy Petznick

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace creation

HANDBELL CAROL

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HANDBELL CAROL

"Bring a Torch", *Jeanette Isabella*

THE THIRD LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Edie Abendschan

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child

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“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

THE FOURTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-23

Michele Pomroy

God tells Joseph Mary is with child and to name him Emmanuel

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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.

For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

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!

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2: 1-7

Anne McAnelly

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child

CAROL

“What Child Is This?”

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you. Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

David Allshouse

Angels appear to shepherds and announce the birth of the Messiah

CAROL

"The First Nowell"

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory

"In the Bleak Mid-Winter "

Carolyn Crocker and Eileen Mihm

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

Irma Andrews

Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to baby Jesus

CAROL

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

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

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh; prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

O 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. O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth

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“Joy to the World!”

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 earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their 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.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We will process outside the church into the patio where we will form a circle, light our candles, sing Silent Night and receive the Benediction.

“Silent Night”

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! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing “Alleluia: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!”

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.

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The first historical Service of Lessons and Carols was held in 1880 at the cathedral of Truro in Cornwall, England. In 1918, King's College, in Cambridge, England, established the Festival of Lessons and Carols as a traditional closure to the Advent season, with their first performance on Christmas Eve.

Since the early 1900's, the service has become a traditional holiday celebration of God's loving purpose, from Creation to the Incarnation, presented in Scripture and carols.

Pastor Anne and the staff of St. Andrew Church wish you all a joyous and blessed Christmas!