

St. Andrew Worship
Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022

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Rev. Anne McAnelly, Pastor

Meeting Time
Saturday at 5:30 PM Worship
Dr. Don Adkins, Music Director

We are glad that you are worshipping online with us this evening
and pray that your experience here is a blessing to you.

CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 133 (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.*

*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

A WORD OF WELCOME (*Childcare is provided for infants and toddlers*)

INTROIT "Advent Jubilate!" by Larry Shackley St. Andrew Choir

LIGHTING THE ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLES (*Responsive*)

HYMN 314 "Christ Be Our Light" v. 5 The Beech Family

Leader: We celebrate the coming of Christ, the light of the world

All: Emmanuel, God with us

Choir: Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come

All sing: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Reader: A child is born for us, a gift is given to us

All: Emmanuel, God with us

Reader: Bringing your kingdom of peace to all people on earth

All: Christ, we celebrate you here today!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 113

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

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5 Gwen Yeo
God Creates the world, the light is good

CAROL "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" No. 143 (vs. 1 & 4)
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!

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-2, 9:2, 6-7a Kathryn Adkins
The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace creation

CAROL "The People Who Walked in Darkness" No. 86 (vs. 1 & 4)
*The people who walked in darkness awaken to see a great light.
The people who dwelt in the land of the shadow rise to a star shining bright.*
*Refrain: His name is Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God, Father forever, Prince of Peace.
Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God, Father forever, Prince of Peace.*
*For us now a child is given, for all the despised and forlorn.
The rule of compassion shall rest on his shoulder. God's own Messiah is born!*
Refrain

SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 35 in Hymnal)

ANTHEM "King Jesus Is His Name" arr. by Jack Schrader St. Andrew Choir

THIRD LESSON: Luke 1:26-35, 38 Eileen Mihm
An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child

CAROL "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 119 (v. 1 & 3)
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!"

FOURTH LESSON: Matthew 1:18-23 David Allshouse
God tells Joseph Mary is with child and to name him Emmanuel

ANTHEM "With Heart, Soul and Voice Rejoice" St. Andrew Bell Choir

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7 Sharon Allshouse
Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child

ANTHEM "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head" by Kevin Robison St. Andrew Choir

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-20 Sandra Petznick
Angels appear to shepherds and announce the birth of the Messiah

CAROL "The First Nowell" No. 147 (vs. 1 & 2)
*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

"I Wonder as I Wander"

St. Andrew Bell Choir
Coty Catlin, Flute

SEVENTH LESSON:

Matthew 2:1-11

Carolyn Crocker

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

CAROL

"The Three Kings of Orient Are"

No. 151 (no refrain after verses 2 & 3)

*We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.*

*Refrain: 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.*

*Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God Most High.*

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

Refrain

*Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies.*

Refrain

EIGHTH LESSON:

John 1:1-14

Gene Burk

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

CAROL

"Joy to the World!"

No. 134 (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 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 CHRIST CANDLE

We will process outside into the patio where we will form a circle, light our candles, sing Silent Night (See Insert) 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.*



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!*