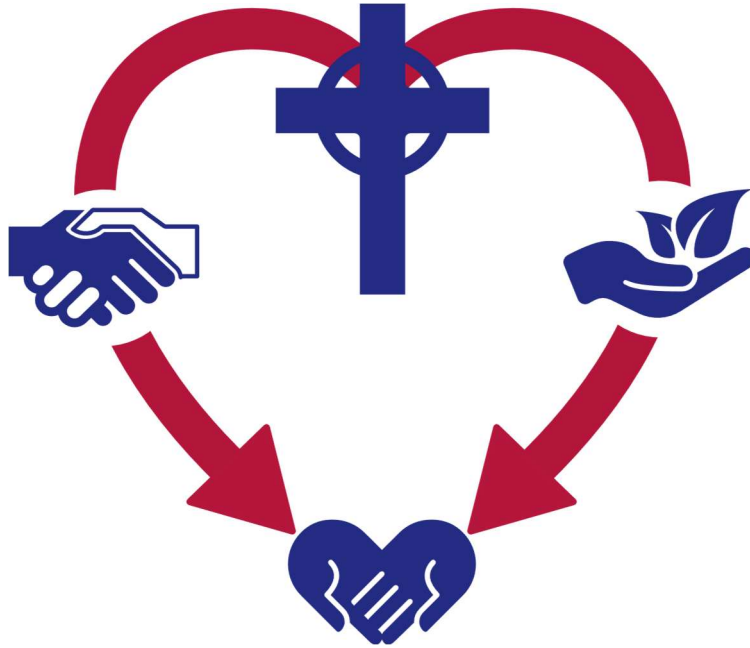
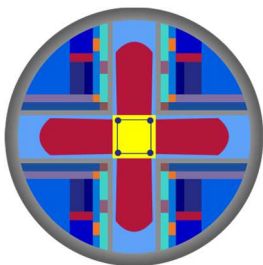


We are imperfect believers, passionate
about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2024 5PM**

Welcome! If you are visiting, please use the QR code on the visitor card found in the pew rack to share your information online or fill out the back of the card and drop it in the offering plate. Prayer cards, with the same options, are also available and we invite you to share your concerns and allow us to pray with you.



St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church

We Gather to Worship God

*Congregation stands as noted

Chiming of the Hour

Introit "Immanuel" Kevin Cribbs
Word and music by Michael Card

Call to Worship (Responsive) (Luke 1)

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God, for God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them.

People: God has raised up a mighty savior for us, as God spoke through the mouths of the prophets of old,

Leader: Thus God has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered the holy covenant,

People: that we might serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness.

Leader: God of incarnation. You came to us in the upheaval of imperial decrees. You came to us in the scandal of unwed parents. You came to us in the poorest of conditions. You emptied yourself, taking the form of a slave.

Hymn of Advent #85 "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"
Light five candles to watch o'er Messiah: let the Light banish darkness.
Incarnate God asleep in a manger, full of glory and honor.

People: Tonight we gather as a community of hope, faith, joy, and peace. We gather in reverence once again at the coming of Christ into the world. We gather as those who have been called to follow Jesus, and sent out into the world by his Spirit. We gather as those who are expectantly waiting for, and faithfully building the kingdom of God. We gather as those who have seen the glory of the Son, and who long for his coming again to make all things right. We gather with shepherds and angels around a child laid in a manger. Amen.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Transition Hymn #133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

We Respond to God's Faithfulness in Our Life

Offering Our Lives to Jesus through Our Time, Gifts, and Resources

(see the 'Giving' card in the pew rack for information about options for digital giving)

*Doxology (#606)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

Time for Young Disciples

Special Music

"Mary, Did You Know"

Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene, arr. by Bryce Inman
Millie Shiflett, Kenneth Jones

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. AJ Ochart

"To Y'all is Born This Day a Savior"

Responding to God's Word

*Advent Creed (The Confession of 1967, Part 1, Section A, 1)

In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed, and became a brother to all kinds of sinful [people]. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgement under which all [people] stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became the victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all [humanity]. Amen.

*Responsive Hymn #114

"Away in a Manger"

Litany of the Light

Leader: In the beginning was the Word

People: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Leader: He was in the beginning with God.

People: All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

Leader: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Special Music

“O Holy Night”

John Sullivan Dwight, Adolph Adam; arr. by Linda Chapman and Bonnie Heidenreich
Kellen Jones, Kenneth Jones, Millie Shiflett

Sending Out Into the World

***Sending Hymn #134 (v. 1.2)**

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the World! The Lord is come!

**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.**

***Charge and Blessing**

**Thank you for worshipping with us on this Christmas Eve.
Be of good cheer: The Lord’s celebration is very near!**



**Rev. AJ Ochart, Pastor
Kenneth Jones, Director of Music
Millie Shiflett, Accompanist**

