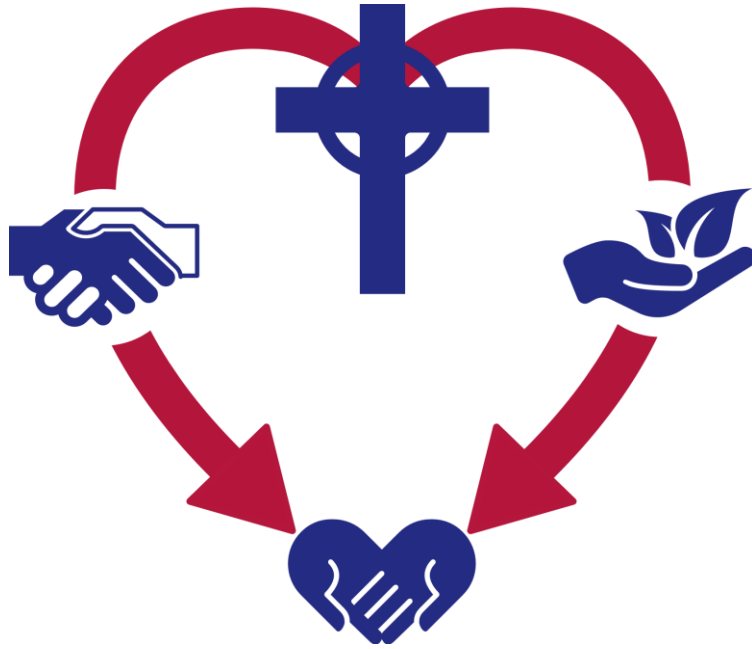


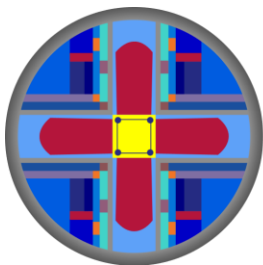
We are imperfect believers, passionate  
about sharing the love of Christ:  
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 30, 2024**

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.

**We Gather to Worship God**



**St. Andrews**  
Presbyterian Church

**\*Congregation stands as noted**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

**A Welcome to the Season of Advent**

**The Advent Wreath**

**\*Call to Worship (Responsive) (Daniel 3- NRSVCE)**

Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD, God of our ancestors, and worthy of praise;

**People: and glorious is your name for ever!**

Leader: For you are just in all that you have done; all your works are true and your ways right,

**People: and all your judgements are true.**

Leader: God of the exiled. We, like Daniel and his friends, find ourselves away from our true home. We are refugees, immigrants, and ex-patriots, because our final allegiance is to a kin-dom that is not of this world. For now we are called to build houses and live in them, plant gardens and eat from what is planted, to seek the welfare of the city and nation we are called to. Yet we are not to bow down to the idols of this present age. We are called to seek your kin-dom first, to plant and nurture seeds, to faithfully resist and disobey injustice. Today we light a candle of hope as we wait with eager expectation for your coming kin-dom.

**Hymn of Advent #85 (v.1)**

**“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”**

**People: Today we gather as an immigrant community, singing the songs of our homeland; as ambassadors, sent to be representatives in a foreign place; and as a mission outpost, actively working towards a future goal. May we so exhibit your kingdom in this place, that all around us may feel the lure to join into the household of God, to wait with us until we join with every tongue and tribe and nation in the joyful feast of the people of God. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn #82**

**“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

### **Greening of the Sanctuary**

**The Sanctuary Evergreens**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**\*Transition Hymn #90**

**“Wait for the Lord”**

The Christmas Tree

The Christmas Poinsettia

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 (Nativity)

(Children are dismissed at this time for Children's Church)

Special Music

"Come to Set Us Free"

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Daniel 3:1-30

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

"Bowing Down"

### **Responding to God's Word**

\*Response Hymn #107

"Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn"

Invitation to a Faithful Advent

Respond: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom 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 kin(g)dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **Sending Out Into the World**

\*Sending Hymn #93

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Benediction #103

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

\*Postlude

**Sanctuary Flowers** – The flowers were placed in the sanctuary by Jennifer Vie in memory of Buddy and Kim White’s wedding anniversary (in heaven).

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you were blessed so you can go and be a witness to Christ’s love in the world. May your spirits be renewed for the days ahead.



Rev. AJ Ochart, Pastor  
Kenneth Jones, Director of Music  
Shannon Bryan, Accompanist  
Santee Cribbs, Lay Leader

