ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. -Micah 6:8



Worship Bulletin

Sunday, November 29th, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting **Carl and Rupali Hofmann and Jane Oerter**

Call to Worship **Liturgist, Brittany Bishop**

Leader: In God's house,
People: we are free to wear our hearts on our sleeves.
Leader: In God's house,
People: we may come exactly as we are.
Leader: In God's house,
People: we dare to hope. We dream new dreams. We cry out. We call upon God.
Leader: In God's house,
People: all are welcome and all are heard.
Leader: So come and worship.
People: God is here. God is listening.
Let us worship our with-us God.

Hymn #82 - *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,
we have been known—
to bite our tongues,
to work through a broken heart,
to don our favorite rose-colored glasses.
We have been known—
to look for the bright side,
to sweep the pain under the rug,
to choose ignorance for the benefit of bliss.
We have been known to keep the hurt in our heart to ourselves.
Forgive us for filtering our honesty.
Forgive us for ignoring the power of lament.
Forgive us for not turning to you first.

Remind us that you are a God who listens
and you are a God who restores.

(Time for silent prayer and confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

Leader: God makes peace within us.
People: Let us claim it.
Leader: God makes peace between us.
People: Let us share it.
Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you!

Please share signs of peace (ex. a wave, handshake, or high five) with each other.

A Word for God's Children

Anthem ***We Are Waiting*** **St. Andrew Choir**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears

and given them tears to drink in full measure.
You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Scripture – Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **Erica Russell**

A Moment for Silent Reflection

Hymn #87 - *Comfort, Comfort Now My People

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe
even on the longest nights—
when our steps are unclear
and fear takes hold—
that the sun is still rising.

We believe in that sunrise
like we believe in God's promised day.
So instead of giving in to the great unknown,
we move, in spirit, toward that light.
We summon our courage.
We carry each other.
We dance under the stars.
We listen for the angels.
And we believe the good news of the gospel,
which says that God loves

God's creation so fiercely
that God took on flesh to
be with us.

This is the truth that sustains our journey.
In this, we believe.

Offering our Gifts and Gratitude

To give electronically, please visit standrewboulder.org/giving

Song of Dedication #150 – *As with Gladness Men of Old (v. 3)

As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our loving God, who is in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!

Hymn #100 - *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Benediction

Postlude

*Stand as able

The liturgy is by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.
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“The colors in this art piece are the colors of the shining sun, your fiery anger, and your dried-out soil. Our dried-out souls.

The image shows tree roots growing inward, becoming trails of our tears. As the roots arrive at your presence, your face, O God, they become shining loaves. The psalmist asks: Why do you give us only our tears to eat and drink, only our tears as our bread and wine? Perhaps, O God, it is because your face shines on us, but not from the places and spaces where we look for your power. Perhaps your face shines on us from the surface of the deep, from the dew on the petal, from the glow of the sun reflected on the river, from our very own tears falling within the creation that bears your presence.”

—from the artist statement for “Bread of Tears” by Hannah Garrity



“I began this piece with that concept in mind. I stretched a night sky of black fabric on a wood panel, and with oil pastels I dappled the horizon with light, as if the dawn were ablaze with fire. When I finished, I admired my creation, a tribute to a world filled with couple-color and pied beauty.

Then it came time to rend God’s garment. I delayed and grieved this step, yet I felt the prophet’s plea urging me onward. I ripped the fabric, tearing the heavens and mountains open. In the space between, I added gold leaf—a glimmer of God’s presence in the gaping wound of the world. To finalize the artwork, my husband created a frame using white oak—a nod to the “oaks of righteousness,” the brokenhearted who mourn yet who receive God’s comfort and blessing in Isaiah 61:1-3.

—from the artist statement for “Heavens Torn & Transformed” by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

St. Andrew At-A-Glance

- **November 29 -** NO Youth Group, In-Between Young Adults Dinner and Worship
- **December 1 -** Bread and Belonging Student Dinner at St. Aidan's
- **December 2 -** Deacons Closet Food Service and Clothing Distribution, Noon Prayer Service
- **December 5 -** HomeAhead Open Donation Hours
- **December 6 -** Hybrid Worship, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Sunday School, Youth Group, In-Between Young Adults Dinner and Worship
- **December 9 -** Noon Prayer Service
- **December 12 -** HomeAhead Open Donation Hours
- **December 13 -** Hybrid Worship - Kids and Youth Christmas Pageant, Nursery, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Christmas Pageant Costuming During Sunday School, Intergenerational Advent Workshop, All-Church Lunch, In-Between Young Adults Dinner and Worship

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KIDS AND YOUTH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

INTERGENERATIONAL

Lunch and Advent Workshop

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH @ 11:30A



Candlelight

Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 24th @ 7p

SUNDAY JANUARY 3RD, 2027

10:30AM

EPIPHANY

Service

PIÑATAS, TAMALES, AND GLOW STICKS, OH MY!

WORSHIP IN PARISH HALL



The color for Advent is purple.

Purple dye was so expensive that it was reserved for royalty, hence the connection to the anticipated "King of Kings".

The three dynamic half circles represent Creator, Son and Spirit. They connect to form a triangle signifying the Trinity.



The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

Assistance and Resources

2-1-1 COLORADO

Call 2-1-1 or visit www.211colorado.org

211 is a multilingual and confidential service that connects individuals to critical resources including food, shelter, rental assistance, childcare, and more.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

Call or text 9-8-8 or visit www.988lifeline.org

988 allows anyone with emotional, mental health or substance use concerns to be immediately connected with a trained specialist who will listen without judgment.

SPAN

SAFEHOUSE PROGRESSIVE ALLIANCE FOR NONVIOLENCE

Call (303) 444-2424 or visit www.safehousealliance.org

The SPAN (Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence) Crisis Hotline offers 24/7 emergency support to those in an abusive home environment.

THE TREVOR PROJECT

Text 'START' to 678-678, Call (866) 488-7386 or visit www.thetrevorproject.org

The Trevor Project offers 24/7 confidential crisis support for LGBTQ+ youth experiencing suicidal thoughts, self-harm, bullying, family rejection, or emotional distress.