

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



Worship Bulletin
Sunday, December 28th, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We are here
because we have heard a promise of peace
and we have faith its day will come.

People: We have heard a rumor of justice
and we have faith its day will come.

Leader: We have heard a whisper of hope
and we have faith its day will come.

People: We have heard a hint of love
and we have faith its day will come.

Leader: We have heard of the birth of the Christ-child
and we have faith his day is here.

Leader: Welcome to worship.

People: **Let us worship Immanuel, God-with-Us!**

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #143 – *Angels from the Realms of Glory* (vv. 1,2,4)**

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, Who are we Lord, that we should come to You?
Yet You came to us.
You visited your people in the flesh and redeemed us in your Son.
You lived here among us.
You understand our weakness and our frailties.
You know us from the inside out.
And yet you love us more than anyone on earth ever has, or ever will.
Lord, cleanse our hearts and minds.
Come to dwell in us more and more.**

**When we allow darkness to overcome the light,
forgive us, Lord.**

**When we reduce Christmas to plastic and tinsel,
have mercy on us, God.**
**When hardness of heart keeps us from seeing
and hearing and touching,
let your grace consume us, O God.**
**When the wars around us are of no concern,
forgive us, Lord, and move us to compassion for those who suffer.**
**When our caring is not extended to action,
move us to seek justice for our brothers and sisters.**
We come to be honest before you and before each other.
**Remove all barriers that divide us, and let there be no obstacle
to our love for you and for one another.**

(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.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Great will be his authority,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Scripture – Psalm 98

O sing to the LORD a new song,
for God has done marvellous things.
The Lord's right hand and holy arm
have gained God victory.
The LORD has made known God's victory;
The Lord has revealed God's vindication in the sight of the nations.
The Lord has remembered God's steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the LORD, for God is coming
to judge the earth.
God will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

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

Hymn #134 – *Joy to the World

Time for Silent Reflection and Prayer

Hymn #144 – *In the Bleak Midwinter (vv.1-3)

***Affirmation of Faith**

We have seen the valley.
We have seen a sky without stars.
We have seen the longest night,
and *still* we believe.

We believe in a with-us God.
We believe in the hope of tomorrow.
We believe that good news is louder than fear.
We believe this good news is for all people.

So even when our knees shake,
even when our voice trembles,
even when fear is all around us,
we will hold onto that good news.

We will reach for each other.
We will look for God in our midst.
We will sing songs of joy.

We will proclaim:
Unto us, love is born.

**We have seen the longest night,
and we have seen unimaginable love.
So still, we believe.
Amen.**

Offering our Gifts and Gratitude

***Song of Dedication #144 – *In the Bleak Midwinter* (v. 4)**

*What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my
heart.*

***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 #136 – *Go, Tell It on the Mountain

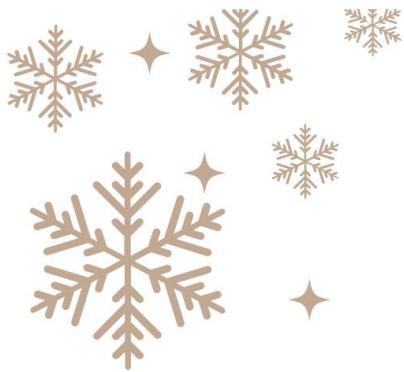
Benediction

Postlude

***Stand as able**

*Liturgy for this service is by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org, and
the Prayers of the People are adapted from a prayer by Carol Penner.*

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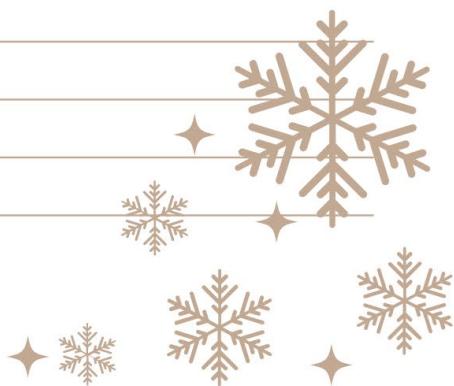


Reflection Guide

GIVE THANKS...

For what are you grateful?

Write down some joys/blessings from 2025

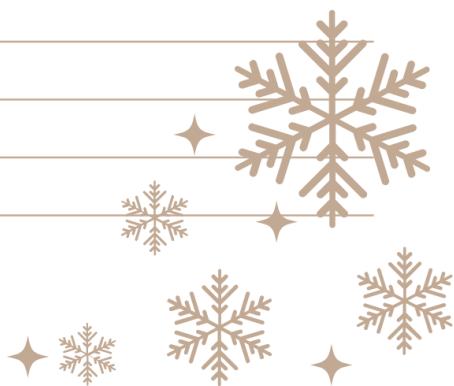




CONFESS AND LET GO

As you reflect on the year, do you have any regrets or griefs?

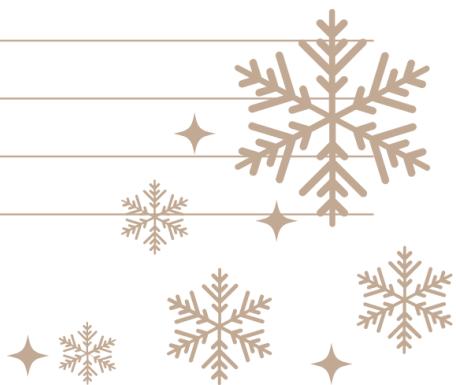
What would you have done differently? What hurt you? What did you lose? What do you need to surrender and leave behind as you move into a new year?





RESOLVE AND INTEND

You might want to make a traditional resolution. Consider setting a more general intention for the New Year. Instead of listing what you want to *do* in the coming year, think about *how/who* you want to *be*. Do you want to be calm, compassionate, open, patient, curious, gentle, engaged, or....?





“The story of the Holy Family’s flight to Egypt takes new significance as I consider not only the experiences of dear ones around the world, but also my own ancestors. My piece focuses on a parent’s desperate grip of their child’s hand as they escape a despot’s fiery wrath, possibly in the dead of night. The colors subtly recall the Pan-African, Palestinian, and Sudanese flags. I remember those left behind, and the lower part of the composition depicts the anguish of mothers whose children were not spared.”

—from the artist statement for “Stay With Me” by Rev. T. Denise Anderson

St. Andrew At-A-Glance

- December 28 - Carols and Cookies Hybrid Worship, Nursery, Choir Rehearsal
- December 31-January 1 - Office Closed for New Year's
- January 3 - HomeAhead Open Donation Hours
- January 4 - Epiphany - Hybrid Worship in Parish Hall, Communion, Nursery, Adult Education, Sunday School, Youth Group
- January 7 - Noon Prayer Service
- January 8 - Serve Dinner to the Unhoused with Community Table
- January 10 - Men's Pancake Breakfast, HomeAhead Open Donation Hours
- January 11 - Baptism of our Lord - Hybrid Worship, Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, Nursery, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Sunday School, Youth Group, Family Potluck

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SUNDAY JANUARY 4TH, 2026

10:30AM

EPIPHANY

Service

PIÑATAS, TAMALES, AND GLOW STICKS, OH MY!

WE WILL CELEBRATE THE MAGI'S ARRIVAL AT THE MANGER WITH WORSHIP, COMMUNION, AND AN EPIPHANY MEAL IN PARISH HALL. THIS YEAR, WE WILL HAVE A SECOND PIÑATA FOR ADULTS. DON'T FORGET: WHOEVER FINDS THE BABY JESUS IN THEIR KING CAKE HAS TO THROW THE NEXT PARTY!



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