

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church  
PRAISE SERVICE**

*December 31, 2017 10:00 a.m.*

*1st Sunday After Christmas Day*

*St. Andrews Presbyterian Church is a gathering of God's people following the call of Jesus Christ and moved by the Holy Spirit to praise God and grow in faith, welcoming and serving the greater community in God's love for the salvation of all people.*

~ Our Mission Statement

**COMING TO GOD**

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mission Spotlight

Connie Dowhower

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all people. This very day in David's town your Savior was born – Christ the Lord!

**Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!**

Let us go and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has told us.

**In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 41

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

\*All who are able, please stand. **Listening devices and large-print materials are available from the ushers.**

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 592

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**GOING WITH GOD**

\*HYMN 40

*Joy to the World!*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,  
who sent a star to guide the Magi to the holy child Jesus:  
we confess that we have not followed the light of your Word.  
We have not searched for signs of your love in the world,  
or trusted good news to be good.  
We have failed to praise your Son's birth,  
and refused his peace on earth.  
We have expected little and hoped for less.  
Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires,  
that we may watch and wait and once more hear  
the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Silent Prayers

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## LISTENING TO GOD

COMING TO CHRIST AS A CHILD

Rob Cochran

\*SONG *For Unto Us A Child is Born/Open the Eyes of My Heart*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist: Megan Fedder

**Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being. Speak to us in these coming moments. Silence in us any voice but your own. And upon hearing your Word empower us to do your revealed will. For we ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 2:4-9

Pew Bible O.T. page 2

\*SONG

*Breath of Heaven*

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 5:1-11

Pew Bible N.T. page 155

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-18

Pew Bible N.T. page 2

MEDITATION

*"Christmas Clean-Up"*

Dr. Myers

## RESPONDING TO GOD

\*HYMN 66

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life... The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church... In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hymn 31 vs. 3

***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 new-born King!"***

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Our lives are filled with signs of your matchless love, O God. As those long ago journeyed to Bethlehem and felt great joy at what had occurred, so also we come before you praising your name for what you have made known to us. Accept our gifts to the Christ-child; use them that he may grow in stature among all people. Amen.**