

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 409 *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Sing the Glad Song* Ritter

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
December 9, 2018 ☩ 11:00 a.m.
2nd Sunday of Advent

*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*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Prepare the Way, O Zion* Lau

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH liturgy by Rev. Allen Presby

A Candle for Humility (See screen for responses.)

Sung response:

***One small Child in a land of a thousand, One small dream in a people of might,
One small hand reaching out to the starlight, One small Savior of life.***

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Isaiah 40:3-5

A voice cries out: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord.

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill made low;

The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

And all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 205 *All Hail to God's Anointed*

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we have choices among many roads; yet only one leads to life. We confess our desire to choose roads that lead to things that keep us from you. We are easily distracted, tempted by paths that seem to lead to good things -- wealth, prosperity, health -- and yet they never satisfy. Keep us on the path that leads to you. Give us a desire for the things that are come from you, things that will bring joy to us and glory to you. Thank you for never leaving us behind when we wander. Draw us back to you.

Silent Prayers

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

COMING TO CHRIST AS A CHILD

Rob Cochran

*HYMN 601

Song of Zechariah

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist: Merry Capobianco

In you, O Lord, there is joy and peace and life. Teach us your Word, that we might follow you in faith and obedience. By your Spirit, turn our hearts to seek you and lead us on the path toward you. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Malachi 3: 1-4

Pew Bible O.T. page 889

GOSPEL

Luke 1: 57, 67-80

Pew Bible N.T. page 57

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Every Valley
Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-9

Pew Bible N.T. page 60

SERMON

*“Living for Now and Then:
Make That U-Turn”*

Elder Rosamond Presby

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 10

On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

What Star Is This (verse 4)

**To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, three in one,
May every tongue and nation raise an endless song of thankful praise.**

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, your abundance is without measure and cannot be defined or contained. It spills out, overflowing into our world and our lives. We thank you and praise you for the wondrous gifts of your Spirit. May these offerings contribute to the peace and wholeness of your creation. Amen.

OFFERTORY

A Spiritual Christmas

Arr. David Thomas

St. Andrews Brass Quartet: Ben Donley, Lee Moyer, Trumpets

Doug Lister, Alan Wood, Trombones

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.