

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we thank you for the extravagant gift of your Son, who was born into our world for us. Receive our offerings as our grateful response for your life among us which changed and continues to change the world. Use our gifts and our lives with mercy and grace, that through us -- others might see you. Amen.

OFFERTORY

*As Lately We Watched*  
Carole Haines, flute; Lisa Meyer, organ

Lani Smith

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN 29

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Adeste Fideles*

Payne

***St. Andrews Presbyterian Church***

**December 30, 2018 ☩ 10:00 a.m.**

***1st Sunday after Christmas***

*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

*Gloria*

McDonald

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 148

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

One: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.**

One: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**All: Let us praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.**

One: Let us worship God.

\*HYMN 22

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

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

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of 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.**

**\*HYMN 44**                      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

COMING TO CHRIST AS A CHILD    Rob Cochran

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION    Liturgist: Bill Kalbaugh

**Holy God, Word made flesh, as we hear your written word, silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Open our hearts to the surprises you have in store for us. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT                      1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26                      Pew Bible O.T. page 246

HYMN                                      *What Child Is This*

EPISTLE LESSON                      Colossians 3:12-17                      Pew Bible N.T. page 201

HYMN 27                                      *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

GOSPEL LESSON                      Luke 2:39-52                      Pew Bible N.T. page 59

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

SERMON                                      *“The Silent Years”*                      Elder Rosamond Presby

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Christmas Creed**                      by Walter Russell Bowie

**I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem. I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and small.**

**I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today.**

**I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.**

**I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible.**

**I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother’s arms, whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at persons and made them see what God’s love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God. I confess my ever-lasting need of God: The need of forgiveness for my selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold.**

**I believe in God who gives us the best of himself.**

**I believe in Jesus, the Son of the living God, born in Bethlehem, for me and for the world.**

**\*HYMN 24**                                      *Away in a Manger*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

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.**

HYMN 38                                      *– It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*