

***St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
January 6, 2019 ♫ 11:00 a.m.
Epiphany***

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

We Three Kings

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us follow the star and kneel to worship.

Let us bring God our best gifts – the gift of ourselves.

Come to the table to taste the Bread of Life.

Come to the table be filled with the cup of blessing.

Let us go forth from here renewed and healed.

**Let us follow the star to new birth, sit at the table of holiness,
and sing praise to God.**

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 63

As With Gladness Men of Old

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit. Forgive us and renew us so we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist: David Overholt

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

Pew Bible O.T. page 533

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 60:1-6

Pew Bible O.T. page 690

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

ANTHEM

What Star is This, With Beams so Bright?

Howard Helvey

Chancel Choir

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible N.T. page 2

SERMON

“Walking in the Light”

Elder Rosamond Presby

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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SEALING THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn 22, vs 3

*All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship; worship Christ, the newborn King!*

For great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All Christians are invited to participate in the Sacrament fully.

It is our custom to commune at the time we are served the bread and the cup.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND

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.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 68

What Star Is This, with Beams so Bright

EPIPHANY WORDS

You are invited to take a word, as they are passed, to walk with in this year.

*O Lord, use these words to speak and to guide us in this year,
showing us your presence. Amen*

*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.**

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Heavenly Father, we are so grateful. You sent your Son to live among us,
walk with us and die for us. May the Christmas joy and peace that captured
our hearts continue to pervade our lives in the New Year. In that same spirit,
we bring our gifts to you today. Because you have given much, we, in turn,
give back to you. May our gifts be a joy to your heart. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Morning Star

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