



# *The Nativity of Our Lord*

Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2025  
7:00 PM Worship

**Welcome to Worship!**  
**As we prepare for worship, we invite you to a time of silence and focus.**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP:** It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament. Are you new to us? Please fill out the “Welcome” card in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

**WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED** in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

**WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP!** Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew’s welcomes children to our worship services.

Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- “Younger Disciples Tips” are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- “A Time for Younger Disciples” during worship invites all God’s children to listen to a message.

**Health Practices** in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

**VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS**

**Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube.**

**Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew’s Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.**

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

Christmas Song Selections

*Elaine Koga, Piano*

*Luke Davis and Daniel Davis, Piano*



## WELCOME

Pastor Lara

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Worship leaders will say text in light print.*  
**Congregation will say/respond with bold text**

## CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

Rejoice and sing, for Christ is born!

**Praise the Creator! Praise the Messiah!**

Today is born the Savior, Emmanuel, God with us!

**Oh come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

## HYMN

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*  
 Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection.*

God of life,  
**you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.**

People of God, hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus † we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

**Amen.**

## **GREETING**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

# On Christmas Night

### Stanzas 1 and 4



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the  
4 All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels  
an-gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to  
sing this night. All out of dark-ness we have light, which  
hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy, news of great  
made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God in high-est  
mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful king's birth.  
heav'n; peace on earth, and good-will. A-men."

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. Almighty God,

**you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## MUSIC

**"Christmas Peace"**  
*The Chancel Choir*

Joel Raney

## WORD

*This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!*

### **READING: Isaiah 9:2-7**

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 the yoke of their burden  
    and the bar across their shoulders,  
    the rod of their oppressor,  
    you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
    and all the garments rolled in blood  
    shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
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.  
Word of God.  
**Word of Life.**

**MUSIC**

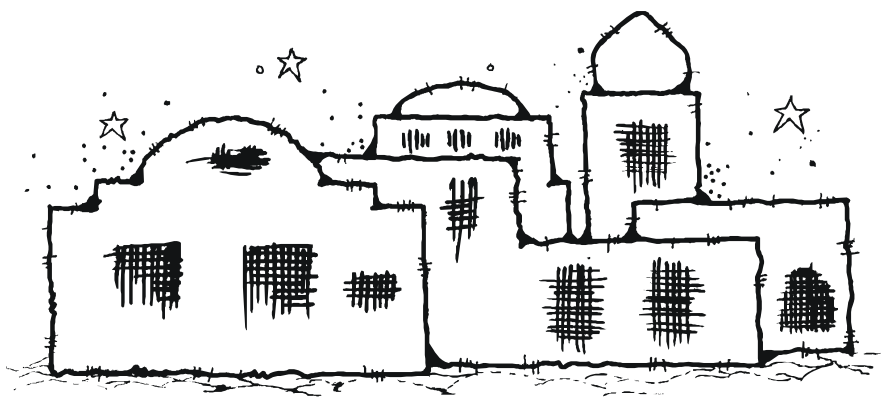
“O, Holy Night”  
David Mills, Soloist

Adolphe Adam

*Younger Disciples Tip: If you have a Spark Story Bible, this story is on page 212.  
God’s greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the “good news of great joy” and proclaim God’s blessing of peace.*

**READING: Luke 2:1-3**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.





# HYMN

## Once in Royal David's City

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,  
 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;  
 4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed;  
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;  
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;  
 we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

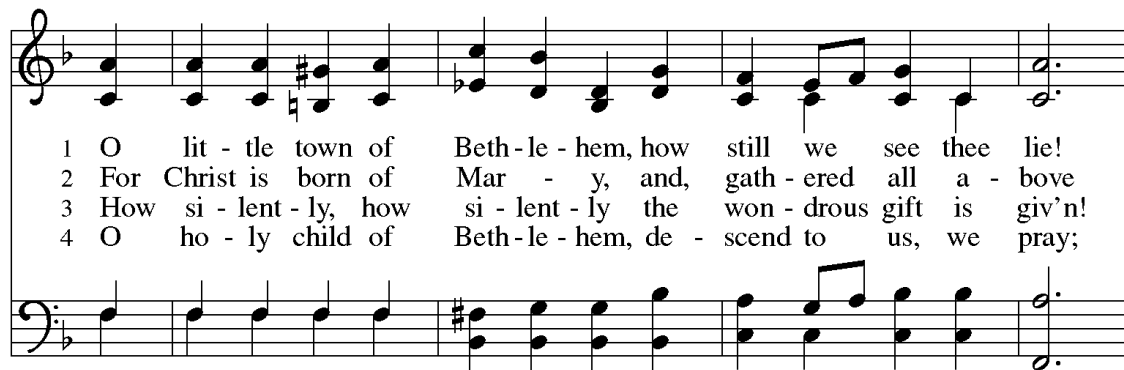
Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.  
 with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
 there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

### READING: Luke 2:4-5

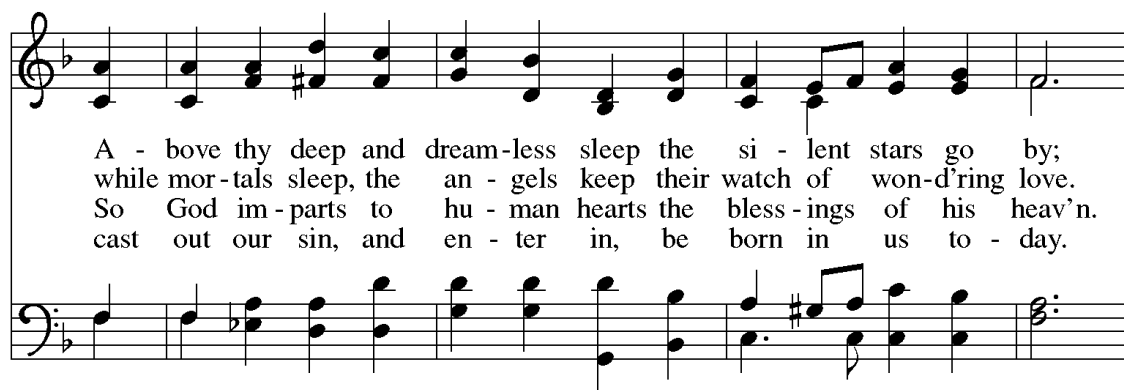
Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

## HYMN

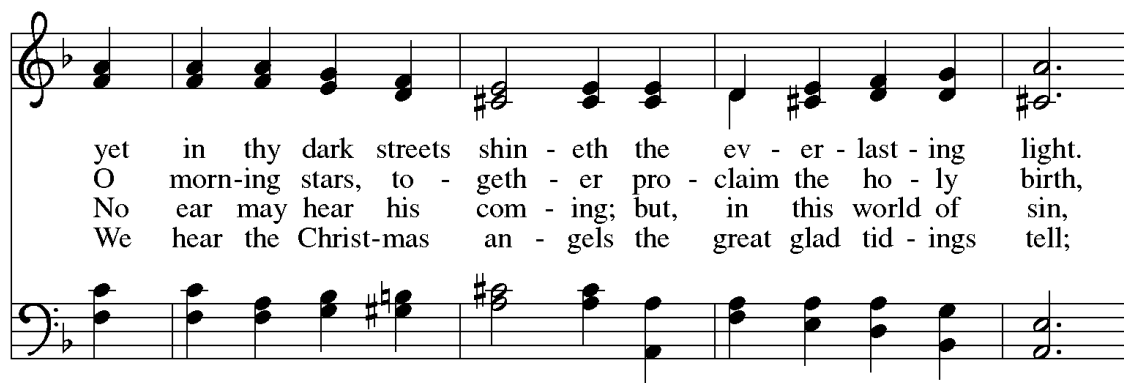
## O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

**READING: Luke 2:6-7**

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

**HYMN**

**Away in a Manger**

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord  
2 The cat - tle are low-ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked  
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look  
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.  
your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.

**READING: Luke 2:8-12**

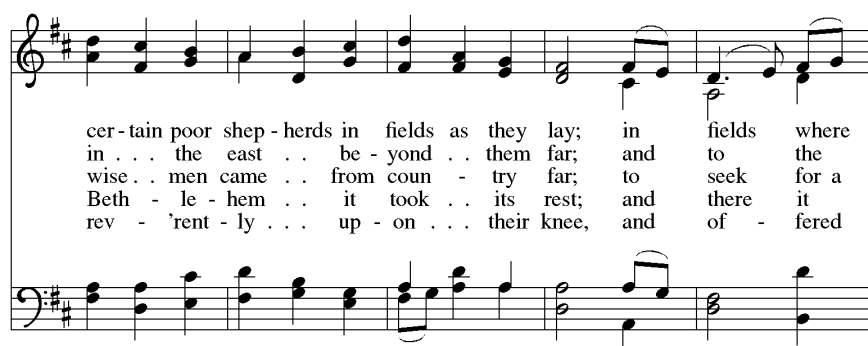
Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

## HYMN


## The First Noel



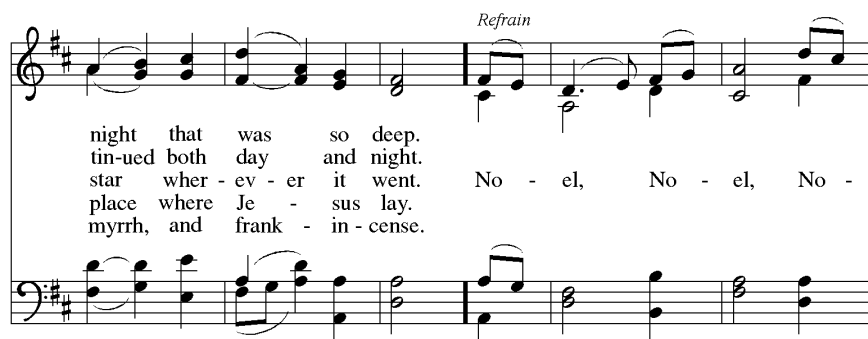
1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing  
 3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .  
 4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .



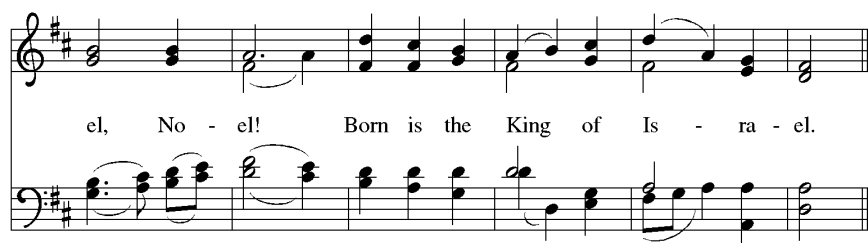
cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
 in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the  
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it  
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -  
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the  
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and



*Refrain*  
 night that was so deep.  
 tin-ued both day and night.  
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
 place where Je - sus lay.  
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## READING: Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

## HYMN

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

*Refrain*  
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

**READING: Luke 2:15-16**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

**HYMN****Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.  
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

**READING: Luke 2:17-20**

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

### **Apostles' Creed**

*Trusting in God's baptismal promises,  
we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.*

## **THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray.

Loving God, you sent your Son to a world waiting and struggling with sin,  
**As we gather here, we prepare a place for you tonight.**

We long for your arrival,

**For all the hope that rests in your birth,**

For the peace and stability that you bring into this chaotic world.

**Our very bones ache for the presence of the word made flesh among us,**

We wait in anticipation to receive the Christ-child to dwell among us.

**And soon the angels will be singing, the stars will be set,**

The whole of creation will have been witness,



**The rocks will cry out Hallelujah to the miracle of this new incarnation,  
of Emmanuel, God with us.**

We stand in awe, of this great love that enters into our life,

**The light in the darkness, shining on truth and casting out injustice.**

The peace of the world held in the arms of a new young mother,

**A peace for the sick and the broken-hearted, for the lonely and the lost, for all  
who hurt or struggle,**

A peace that has never been known before, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

**You come to us, this Christmastide, holding hopes and expectations,**

As a newborn babe, in a stable, to bring us light and life, redeeming the world.

**Open our hearts and minds, that we might hear the miracle of the promise  
that comes lying in a manger,**

A miracle so full of wonder and awe, that the angels, shepherds and stars proclaim its  
majesty.

**Open our hearts to make room for the birth of promise, justice, love, in this  
place tonight. Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*If you are worshiping online, we encourage you to post the peace on a social media  
platform.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Lara

### **MUSIC**

**“African Noel”**  
*The Chancel Choir*

Traditional Spiritual  
Arr. Benjamin Harlan

**OFFERING** Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome  
your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew’s  
Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give  
online using the QR code.



*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY VERSE

The musical score for the Offertory Verse consists of four systems of piano accompaniment. Each system is written for a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in the key of D major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the treble staff of each system.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in ev-ery gen-er - a - tion. Praise

God, all crea-tures here be-low, who gives to us sal - va - tion. Praise

God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host. Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Let

all cre-a - tion praise the Lord with love and ad - or - a - tion.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

We pray together. God of abundance,  
receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the  
angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all  
the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in  
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

# MEAL

## GREAT 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Gently [in One]

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow'r and\_ might,\_\_\_\_ heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he, is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

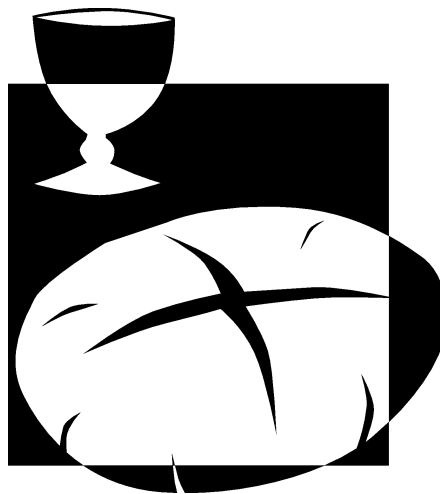
We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed.*



## LAMB OF GOD

Gently [In One]

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly  
Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have  
mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the  
son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy  
giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.  
Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the  
son of Ma - ry.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is received continuously at two stations.

Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

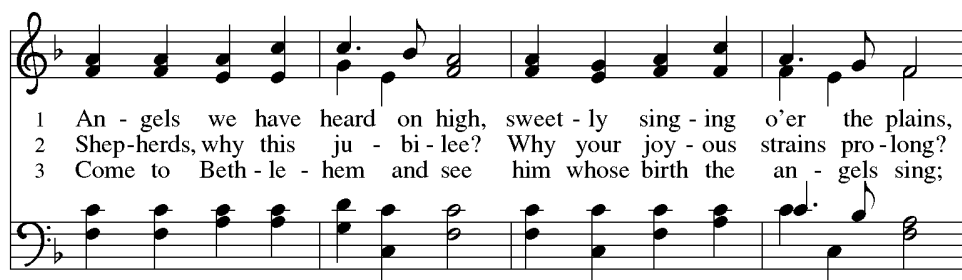
Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup.

Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

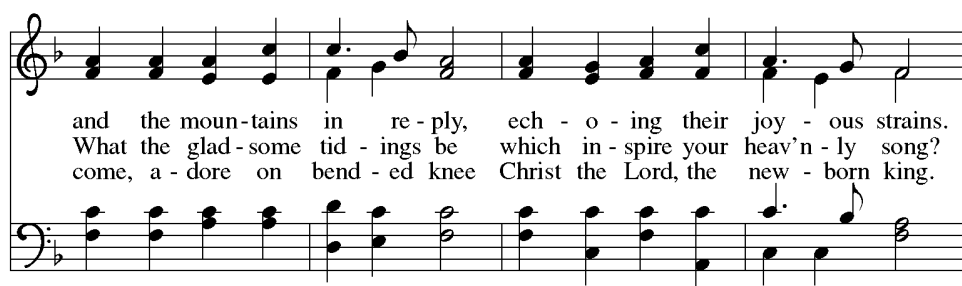
If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

# COMMUNION MUSIC

## Angels We Have Heard on High



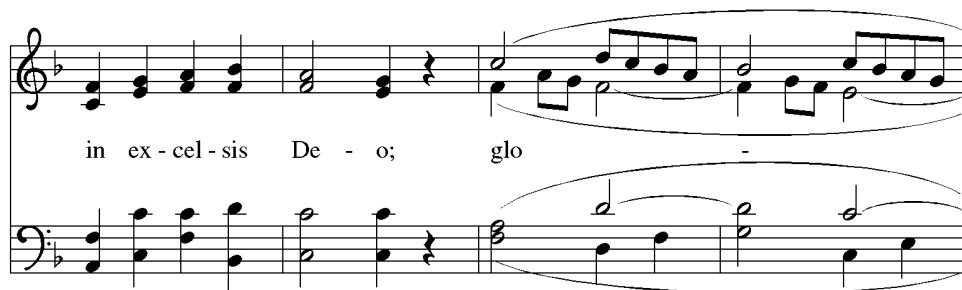
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re-ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad-some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



*Refrain*  
Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a



ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

Sing We Now of Christmas  
The Bell Choir

Traditional French Carol  
Arr. Cathy Moglebust

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. God our redeemer,  
you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have  
gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with  
the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

## **CANDLELIGHTING**

*The ushers will light candles at the end of each pew.  
Please hold the lit candle straight, while the person with the unlit candle lights theirs.  
Continue down the pew until all candles are lit.*

*We will sing Silent Night as candles are lit.*



HYMN

# Silent Night, Holy Night!

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!*

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,  
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.  
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher  
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.  
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.



*Please extinguish your candle as directed. When you depart the service, please place your candle in the baskets in the Narthex.*

## SENDING

### **BLESSING**

May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life.

**Amen.**

May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength.

**Amen.**

May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world.

**Amen.**

And may the blessing of the Holy Trinity be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**



# SENDING HYMN

## Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

## **SENDING**

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**



### **Thank you to all who are assisting with worship today:**

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Presiding and Preaching*  
Dr. Will Simpson, *Director of Music*  
Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*  
Jean Wahlstrom, *Assisting Minister*  
Michele & Dave Vossler, *Lector*  
Luke Davis, *Acolyte*  
Erik and Shana Nielsen, *Ushers*  
JoAn Eklof, Karin Eklof, Jay Baxter, *Altar Guild*  
Peter Cornwell, *Audio*  
Kurt Lutterman, *Livestream video*

### **Thank you to these talented musicians:**

Karin Islip, Natalia Kitaeva, *Violin*  
Hillary Nordwell, *Viola*  
Melanie Grad, John Andresen, *Cello*  
Abby Kasper, *Bass*  
Mary Davis, Erik Newsum, *Flugelhorn*  
Gavin Islip, *Trombone*  
Aaron Davis, *Flute*  
Grete Norquist, *Flute*



*Is it your first time at Saint Andrew's? Please be sure to take a Welcome bag with you and learn more about us! We look forward to seeing you again!*



*Join us!*

**There is a place for you at Saint Andrew's!**

We welcome you to:

**Worship - Sundays at 10 AM**

*In-Person and livestream*

**Education for all ages**

**Community Outreach**

**Mission opportunities**

**Social gatherings**

**Web: [www.salc.church](http://www.salc.church)**

**Facebook & Instagram**

## Coming in January:

### Adult Education Hour – 9:00 AM Sundays:

- January 4: Constitution Updates ~ The Task Force will walk through the updated Constitution for Saint Andrew's. All changes will be voted on at the Congregational Meeting.
- January 11: Bible Study ~ "The Lost Parables"
- January 18: Budget Business ~ review the 2026 Saint Andrew's budget with members of the Finance Committee.
- January 25: 9:00 AM Coffee and Conversation. Annual Congregational Meeting at 11:15 AM.

### Youth Events: (contact Doug for more information! [doug@salc.church](mailto:doug@salc.church))

- January 4: "Servant Advocacy" event at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mercer Island. 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM. Learn from the Faith Action Network, create lunches for The Sophia Way.
- January 11: Shared Confirmation Class and High School Group; Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM.
- January 16: Youth Escape Room! 6:00 PM at "Flee Escape Room, Redmond" \$20. Space is limited. Sign up with Doug.
- January 18: Family Movie night at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church. 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM



Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> Saint Andrew's is hosting a Blood Drive! Use the QR code to sign up !! Our recent floods have resulted in lower than average donations ... we need you!



### Save the Date:

**Annual Women's Retreat: March 6-7- 8, 2026**

Rainbow Lodge, North Bend

Pastor Deanna Wildermuth, "Telling Our Story, Listening for God"

Let Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland know if you're interested in attending ASAP. (We also most out last year.) [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church) or 425074602529



**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

There is a  
CALLED MEETING OF THE  
CONGREGATION

**11:15 AM**

Fellowship Hall

Business:

Approve the Budget

Receive a slate of nominees for Council Positions

Quiet Servant recognitions





## CALENDAR

### Wednesday, December 24

*Christmas Eve – office is closed.*

6:45 PM Special Music begins  
7:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship

### Thursday, December 25

*Merry Christmas – office is closed*

### Friday, December 26

*Office is closed.*

### Saturday, December 27

### Sunday, December 28

9:00 AM Coffee and Conversation  
10:00 am Worship

### Monday, December 29

*Office hours: 9 AM – 12 Noon*

### Tuesday, December 30

*Office hours: 9 AM – 12 Noon*

### Wednesday, December 31

*Office hours: 9 AM – 12 Noon*

### Thursday, January 1

Office is closed – Happy New Year!

### Friday, January 2

*Office is closed*

### Saturday, January 3

### Sunday, January 4

9:00 AM Adult Education,  
Constitution Updates  
Sunday School (preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
10:00 AM Worship

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**April Daniel**, Records Administrator

**Ann Thorpe**, Sunday Church School Coordinator

**Joan Tweten**, Kitchen Team

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