

The Birth of Jesus Christmas Eve Family Service

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Music by youth of Saint Andrew's

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor McEachran

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW Hymn 283

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN

Away in a Manger

ELW Hymn 277

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(congregation is seated)

WORD

HYMN

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

ELW Hymn 282

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

P Hear and remember the Good News of Christmas.

C Thank you God.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

L This is Good News worth sharing.

C Thank you God.

MUSIC

Mary, Did You Know?
Emily Rudolph, vocalist

[Mark Lowry]

Moment of silence.

REFLECTING ON THE LIGHT

Pastor McEachran

C Congregation
A Assisting Minister
P Pastor

In our Christmas Eve worship we tell the world that "Jesus Christ is born!"

Welcome to the family Christmas Eve service with the kid-friendly coloring bulletin!



APOSTLES' CREED

A We confess our faith.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

OFFERING

Sweet Little Jesus Boy
Allie Bland

[African-American
Spiritual]
(congregation stands)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW Hymn 270

THE PRAYERS

A Your promise is here.

C We walk in your light.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

CANDLELIGHTING

(for your safety, please tip only the unlit candle)


HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night!

ELW Hymn 281

S E N D I N G

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C Amen.

HYMN

Joy to the World

ELW Hymn 267

A Make like a shepherd, and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

P A R T I C I P A N T S



Presiding Minister Pastor James N. McEachran
Director of Music Ministries/Organist Dr. Will Simpson
Assisting Minister Dick Swaisgood
Acolytes Alden Johnson, Quinn Myhre
Crucifer Livi Myhre
Greeter Sarah Cannon
Lector Dave Marcrander
Ushers Mark Davis, Sherry Grindeland, Janan Twito

Unless otherwise noted, Scripture readings are from the NRSV.



H Y M N S

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful: Text: attr. John F. Wade, c. 1711-1786, tr: composite; Music: attr. John F. Wade, c. 1711-1786
Away In A Manger: Text: North American, anonymous, 19th century; Music: *Away In A Manger*. North American, Anonymous, 19th century
It Came upon the Midnight Clear: Text: Edmund H. Sears; Music: Richard s. Willis
O Little Town of Bethlehem: Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835—1893; Music: St. Louis. Lewis H. Redner, 1831—1905
Go Tell It on the Mountain: Text: African American Spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt. Music: African American Spiritual
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing: Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.; Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915
Silent Night, Holy Night: Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792—1849; translated, John K. Young, 1820—1885; Music: Stille Nacht, Franz Gruber, 1787—1863
Joy to the World: Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748; Music: *English melody, 18th century, arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872*
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W E L C O M E

-  **WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS EVENING!** We trust that you will find a time of reflection and joy as we share the news of Jesus' birth. If you are visiting, we welcome your return and would be happy to respond to any questions you might have about your participation in the life and ministry of our congregation.
-  **A WORD OF "THANKS" from the Ministry Team** for the many words and acts of kindness expressed during this season of blessing. We appreciate each of you and are thankful for your constant loving support of our ministries in your midst. Merry Christmas and a truly blessed new year of life together in Christ!

SUNDAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S

-  **CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE:** Tomorrow, Sunday, **December 25**, we will have **one worship service only at 9:30 am**. There is no Discipleship Hour. We welcome **Pastor Elizabeth Rawlings** as our Presiding and Preaching Minister. Pastor Rawlings is the Lutheran Campus Ministry Pastor at the University of Washington, and was the Youth Director at Saint Andrew's from July 2004 - March 2009.
-  **JANUARY 1:** On Sunday, **January 1**, we will have **one worship service only at 9:30 am**. There is no Discipleship Hour.

YEAR-END AT SAINT ANDREW'S

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|  END OF YEAR OFFICE HOURS: Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, December 26 . Office hours are 9:00 am - 12:00 noon on December 27, 28, 29, and 30 . The church office will be closed Monday, January 2 . |  END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS: To be counted for 2016, contributions need to be dated December 31 or earlier. If mailed, they need to be postmarked by December 31 . If brought to church, they need to be received no later than January 1 . |
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