

Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve

Promise Graciously Given

G A T H E R I N G

Please silence all electronic devices and prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

(6:30 pm)

Elaine Koga, piano
David Mills, guitar and vocalist

(9:00 pm)

Mary, Did You Know? [Mark Lowry]
Emily Rudolph, vocalist
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel [15th Century French]
Sue Short, Vanessa Wilkie, vocalists
Handbell Choir

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor McEachran
(congregation stands)

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful ELW Hymn 283

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly ELW Hymn 276

APOSTOLIC GREETING

A Rejoice! I bring good news for all people, for unto you a child is born. Alleluia! Tonight the angels sing on earth.

C Glory to God in the highest!

HYMN OF PRAISE *Angels We Have Heard on High* ELW Hymn 289

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(congregation is seated)

W O R D

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

C Congregation
A Assisting Minister
P Pastor

MUSIC**(6:30 pm)***Every Valley*

[John Ness Beck]

Chancel Choir

(9:00 pm)*Sleepers, Wake!*

[Bach/Wagner]

Handbell Choir and Organ

SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

L The Word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.*(congregation stands)***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION On Christmas Night**

ELW Hymn 274

Stanza 1

P The Good News of Jesus according to Luke.**C** Glory to you, O Lord.**GOSPEL**

Luke 2:1-21

P The Gospel of the Lord.**C** Praise to you, O Christ.**GOSPEL RESPONSE***On Christmas Night*

ELW Hymn 274

Stanza 4

SERMON

Pastor McEachran

(6:30 pm)*What's Next?***(9:00 pm)***Did You Hear What I Heard?***HYMN OF THE DAY***Come and Sing the Christmas Story***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.

THE PRAYERS

A Your promise is here.

C We walk in your light.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you. *(shared in community)*

OFFERING

(6:30 pm) *Sans Day Carol* [Cornish Traditional Carol,
arr. John Rutter]

Chancel Choir

(9:00 pm) *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*
[arr. Cathy Mockleburst]

Handbell Choir

(congregation stands)

OFFERTORY PRAYER



GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

(congregation is seated)

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(6:30 pm) *Nativity Carol* [John Rutter]
Chancel Choir

Once in Royal David's City [Alexander/Guantlett,
arr. Mann/Willcocks]
Chancel Choir

(9:00 pm) *Symphonia on Hyfrydol* [Kevin McChesney]
Bryant Wilkie, Vanessa Wilkie, silver melody bells

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in God’s loving grace, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

PRAYER

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

HYMN *Silent Night, Holy Night* ELW Hymn 281



BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *Joy to the World* ELW Hymn 267

- A** 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 Ministers (6:30 pm) Jon Thorpe
(9:00 pm) Sue Short

Communion Assistants (6:30 pm) Judi Miller, Art Gurtel

Acolytes (6:30 pm) Izzy Clarke, Collin Feldman
(9:00 pm) Sidney Cottrell, Grace Cottrell

Crucifers (6:30 pm) Torin Carmichael
(9:00 pm) Mikayla Hare

Altar Guild (6:30 pm) Karin Eklof, JoAn Eklof
(9:00 pm) Linda Powell, Christine Koch

Greeters (6:30 pm) Stella Nieman
(9:00 pm) Louise Oda

Lectors (6:30 pm) Scott Lester
(9:00 pm) Jan Bowerman

Ushers (6:30 pm) Fred Clarke and Ann Ross-Clarke
(9:00 pm) Mark Davis, Sherry Grindeland

Unless otherwise noted, Scripture readings are from the NRSV.

W E L C O M E

CHRISTMAS EVE AT SAINT ANDREW'S

✚ 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

✚ 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**.