

December 24, 2017

Order of Worship

4:00 pm

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

Luke 2:1-20 and Matthew 2:1-15

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW Hymn 279

THE CHRISTMAS STORY (continued)

HYMN

Go Tell It On the Mountain

ELW Hymn 290

THE CHRISTMAS STORY (continued)

L This is Good News worth sharing.

C Thank you God.

Moment of silence.

WHAT'S NEW?

Pastor McEachran

C Congregation

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

P 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

O, Holy Night [Adolphe Adam]
Erin Simspon, vocalist
(congregation stands)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* ELW Hymn 270

THE PRAYERS

P 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

P Glory to God in the highest!

C Peace to God's people on earth!

P Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

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
- Acolytes* Caden Feldman, Jillian Nielsen
- Crucifer* Collin Feldman
- Greeter* Sarah Cannon
- Lector* Dave Marcrander
- Ushers* David and Sherry Grindeland



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. If you are interested in membership at Saint Andrew's, please contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.
- 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!

NEXT SUNDAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S

- DECEMBER 31:** On Sunday, **December 31**, we will have **one worship service only at 9:30 am**. There are no Discipleship Hour classes.



For Sunday, December 31: First Sunday of Christmas
Isaiah 61:10–62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40
Servers for December 31, 9:30 am

Presiding Minister: Pastor James McEachran
Assisting Minister: Karen Grams
Communion Assistant: Jan Bowerman
Acolyte: Sonja Wetmore

Altar Guild: Ruth Miller, Karen Grams
Greeter: Janan Twito
Lector: Judi Miller
Ushers: George and Judi Miller

YEAR-END AT SAINT ANDREW'S

END OF YEAR OFFICE HOURS: Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, **December 25**. Office hours are 9:00 am - 12:00 noon on **December 26, 27, 28, and 29**. The church office will be closed Monday, **January 1**.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS: To be counted for 2017, contributions need to be dated **December 31** or earlier. If mailed, they need to be postmarked by **December 29**. If brought to church, they need to be received no later than **December 31**.