

Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve

He is Here and Just at the Right Time

GATHERING

Please silence all electronic devices and prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

(6:30 pm)

Elaine Koga, piano

(9:00 pm)

Elaine Koga, Piano

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel [arr. Kevin McChesney]
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

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)

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

(6:30 pm)

Angel's Praise
Chancel Choir

[Shelly Abner]

(9:00 pm)

On This Day, Earth Shall Ring [arr. Margret Tucker]
Handbell Choir

- C** Congregation
- A** Assisting Minister
- P** Pastor

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) So What Does It Mean That God Believes in Us?

(9:00 pm) So What Does It Mean to Believe in Jesus Christ?

HYMN OF THE DAY

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Come and Sing the Christmas Story

APOSTLES' CREED

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) Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

[Setting by
Richard Shepherd]

Chancel Choir

(9:00 pm)

The Holly and the Ivy [arr. Patricia A. Sanders]

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)

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

[Richard Wilbur,
David Hurd]

Chancel Choir

O, Holy Night

[Adolphe Adam]

David Mills, solo

(9:00 pm)

Elaine Koga, piano

O, Holy Night

[Adolphe Adam]

Erin Simpson, solo

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

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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

(9:00 pm) Jan Bowerman, Judi Miller

Acolytes (6:30 pm) Livi Myhre, Beka Gordon

(9:00 pm) Izzy Clarke, Sidney Cottrell

Crucifers (6:30 pm) Quinn Myhre

(9:00 pm) Torin Carmichael

Altar Guild (6:30 pm) Phillip Misner, Karin Eklof

(9:00 pm) Christine Koch, Phillip Misner

Greeters (6:30 pm) JJ and Maureen Dorwart

(9:00 pm) CJ Tatum

Lectors (6:30 pm) Shelly Abner

(9:00 pm) Linda Gilham

Ushers (6:30 pm) Mark Thorpe, Brett Nelson

(9:00 pm) Ann Thorpe, Gary Rudolph, Josh Rudolph

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. 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

T **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

Altar Guild: Ruth Miller, Karen Grams

Assisting Minister: Karen Grams

Greeter: Janan Twito

Communion Assistant: Jan Bowerman

Lector: Judi Miller

Acolyte: Sonja Wetmore

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**.

Thank you from Director of Discipleship Ministries Emily Harrow:

Adam and I appreciate the warm welcome back and all your well wishes to our family. I am incredibly grateful for the gift of time to bond with our newborn. Many thanks to a fantastic team of volunteers, the Discipleship Committee, and Sherry Grindeland who continued the ministry in my absence. And thank you to a supportive staff who went above and beyond to keep things running smoothly. I am thrilled to be back and look forward to introducing you all to S!