

December 24, 2018

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 Yoos

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

FIRST LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

L God's good news for everyone.

C Thank you God.

HYMN

It Came upon the 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

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW Hymn 279

THE CHRISTMAS STORY (continued)

L This is Good News worth sharing.

C Thank you God.

Moment of silence.

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Perfect Christmas

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

*Sister Mary
Alaina Bland, vocalist*

[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 God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, **+** bless you and keep you in hope and peace.

C Amen.

HYMN

Joy to the World

ELW Hymn 267

A Glory to God in the highest!

C Peace to God's people on earth!

A 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 Drew J. Yoos

Preaching Minister Pastor James N. McEachran

Director of Music Ministries/Organist Dr. Will Simpson

Assisting Minister Sharon Gurtel

Acolytes Izzy Martin, Anthony Martin

Crucifer Sam Wilkes

Greeter Sarah Cannon

Lector Linda Gilham

Ushers Marvin Kananen, Sherry Grindeland

WELCOME to WORSHIP

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!

THIS WEEK ~ DECEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 29

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 ~ NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, CHRISTMAS DAY

PLEASE NOTE: There is no worship service scheduled.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN will not meet.

THE PARISH NURSES will not have office hours.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26 - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: The church office will be open from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

ELIZABETH ROSE MEMORIAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE: Our sister in Christ, Elizabeth Rose, died on November 23. A Memorial Celebration of Life will be held at Saint Andrew's on Saturday, **December 29**, at 1:00 pm. Please keep Elizabeth's daughters, Debbie and Sue, and all of her family in prayer.

NEXT SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 30

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE: Please note that there is one worship service, with Holy Communion, at **9:30 am** on Sunday, **December 30**. There are no Discipleship Hour classes.

WORSHIP



Sunday, December 30: First Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

Servers for December 30

Presiding Minister: Pastor Drew Yoos

Assisting Minister: Dick Swaisgood

Communion Assistant: Judy Gowdy

Acolyte: Sonja Wetmore

Altar Guild: Elmer Neu and Signe Wraith

Greeters: John and Joyce Arnold

Lector: Mikel Oswalt

Ushers: Brett Nelson, Joan Tweten

COMING UP

FELLOWSHIP

2018 YEAR-END OFFICE HOURS: Please note that the church office hours will be 9:00 am - 12:00 noon on **December 26, December 27, December 28, and December 31**. The church office will be closed on Tuesday, **December 25**, and Tuesday, **January 1**.

2018 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS: To be counted for 2018, contributions must be **dated December 31** or earlier and postmarked no later than **December 31**.

CELEBRATIONS FOR PASTOR MCEACHRAN

PASTOR MCEACHRAN'S last Sunday at Saint Andrew's is January 6.

CELEBRATION FOR PASTOR MCEACHRAN on

JANUARY 5: A celebration of Pastor James McEachran's 35+ years at Saint Andrew's will be held on Saturday,

January 5, 2019, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, at Renton Technical College (3000 NE 4th Street, Renton). Please plan to join us for a fun gathering to share memories and thank Pastor McEachran for his years of serving.

- Yes, you can still RSVP. We want you there!
- Plus we need your help. Volunteers are needed on party day.
- To RSVP or volunteer, return your RSVP envelope or contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.

JANUARY 6: Please note that there is one worship service, at 9:30 am, on Sunday, **January 6.** A celebration for Pastor McEachran follows worship.



ALONG THE WAY

Celebrate Pastor James McEachran's ministry
at Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday, January 5, 2019
Program begins about 2:00 p.m.

Renton Technical College
3000 NE Fourth Street - Building I
Renton 98056

We welcome stories and photographs for a party slide show and booklet.

RSVPs for the celebration are appreciated.

Send RSVPs, stories, and photographs to
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