

December 24, 2018

Order of Worship

6:30 pm, 9:00 pm

Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”
Luke 12:32

G A T H E R I N G

*Welcome to Worship at Saint Andrew’s!
As we prepare for worship, we invite you to a time of silence and focus.
Please remember to silence all electronic devices.*

C Congregation
A Assisting Minister
P Pastor

PRELUDE

(6:30 pm)

Elaine Koga, piano

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen [arr. Jonathan DeLoach]

O, Little Town of Bethlehem [arr. Jonathan DeLoach]

Shelly Abner and Karin Islip, violin

It Came upon the Midnight Clear [arr. David Mills]

David Mills, guitar and vocal

(9:00 pm)

Ding Dong Merrily on High [Kathleen Wissinger]

Handbell Choir

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor McEachran

OPENING HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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)

W O R D

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

L Word of God.

C Word of Life.

Gaudete is from *Piae Cantiones*, a collection of Finnish/Swedish songs originating in the 14th century. Text is public domain.

MUSIC

(6:30 pm)

Gaudete [Medieval Latin Carol,
Chancel Choir arr. by Michael Burkhardt]
Gaudete! Gaudete! *Rejoice! Rejoice!*
Christus est natus ex Marie virgine: Christ is born of the virgin Mary:
Gaudete! Rejoice!
*Now the time has come at last, bringing joy and gladness;
time foretold by sages past, healing earth's deep sadness.
Nature marvels at the sight, earth looks on in wonder;
for the Lord of love and light rends the heavens asunder.
Christ is born: Emmanuel, hope of every nation!
Therefore let us sing noel with the whole creation!*

(9:00 pm)

He Is Born the Divine Christ Child

Handbell Choir [arr. Kathleen Wissinger]

SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

- L** Word of God.
- C** Word of Life.

(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 2:1-20

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

On Christmas Night

ELW Hymn 274

Stanza 4

SERMON

The End of Fear is Now

Pastor McEachran

HYMN OF THE DAY

Light of the Nations Radiant Star

APOSTLES' CREED

- A** We confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.** *(congregation is seated)*

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

OFFERING

(6:30 pm) *Rocking Carols* [arr. John Purifoy]
Chancel Choir

(9:00 pm) *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* [Matthew Prins]
Handbell Choir

(congregation stands)

OFFERTORY VERSE

ELW Hymn 686

We Give Thee But Thine Own
Stanza 1

OFFERTORY PRAYER



GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Please follow the directions of the ushers. Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine is offered by common chalice or individual cup. White grape juice is offered by individual cup, found in the tray.

(6:30 pm) *Communion Distribution is at two stations.*

(9:00 pm) *Communion Distribution is at the altar rail.*

(6:30 pm) *The Angels and the Shepherds* [Bohemian

traditional carol,
arr. C.H. Trevor]

Chancel Choir

Lully, Lulla, Thou Little Tiny Child [arr. DeLoach]

What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest? [arr. DeLoach]

Shelly Abner and Karin Islip, violin

(9:00 pm) *Coventry Carol* [arr. Carl Wiltse]

Handbell Choir

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

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.

CLOSING HYMN *Joy to the World*

A Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

- Presiding Minister* Pastor James N. McEachran
Director of Music Ministries/Organist Dr. Will Simpson
Assisting Ministers (6:30 pm) Karen Grams
(9:00 pm) Sue Short
Communion Assistants (6:30 pm) Judi Miller, Jan Bowerman, Art Gurtel
(9:00 pm) Livi Myhre
Acolytes (6:30 pm) Sonja Wetmore, Abby Kasper
(9:00 pm) Alden Johnson, Gavin Johnson
Crucifers (6:30 pm) Collin Feldman
(9:00 pm) Quinn Myhre
Altar Guild (6:30 pm) Phillip Misner, Karin Eklof
(9:00 pm) Phillip Misner, Karin Eklof, Christine Koch
Greeters (6:30 pm) The Wilcox Family
(9:00 pm) JJ and Maureen Dorwart
Lectors (6:30 pm) Shelly Abner
(9:00 pm) Livi Myhre
Ushers (6:30 pm) Brady Kasper, Quinlan Kasper
(9:00 pm) Kirk and Amy Myhre, Mark Davis

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 Oswald

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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