

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman

Elder Turner Matthews, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist/Organist

Prelude "Meditation on Silent Night" Dr. Gilbreath

Chiming of the Hour

Pastor's Welcome

Minute for Mission - Joy Offering, December 17 Barb Mouton

Call to Worship

**People: We come to worship Christ**

Leader: Who proclaims good news to the poor, binds up the broken-hearted, frees the prisoner and comforts those who mourn.

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Leader: Who bestows a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

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Leader: Who rebuilds ancient ruins and restores broken places.

Prayer of Adoration

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle (Peace) Dave & Cheryl Ellerbe

\*Hymn "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #128  
*Prayer cards will be collected by the ushers during this hymn.  
Please pass your cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Call to Confession

Leader: We are captive, exiled, O God, because we have, each in our own way, chosen our own path, away from you. We are hungry for wisdom and knowledge, because we have, too often, substituted our judgment for yours. We are lost, in need of guidance. (We offer our own confessions...) And the people said

**People: Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Response "Prepare the Way, O Zion" (Vs. 1, 3) #106

The Peace

**Leader:** Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.** (Please share the peace of Christ with those near you.)

\*Gloria Patri #581

Prayers of the People/the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Offertory "The First Noel" Dr. Gilbreath #606

Doxology

\*Prayer

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-14 KJV Cerese Sweeley

## "Christmas Carol Celebration"

Narrator Elder Turner Matthews

**Introit and Processional**

Choir Anthem "Christmas Fanfare"  
**Congregation "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

**The Prophecy Fulfilled**

Choir Anthem "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
Choir Anthem "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"  
Choir Anthem "He Is Born"

**The Angels Proclaim**

Choir Anthem "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"  
**Congregation "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**  
**Congregation "The First Noel"**

**The Infant King**

Choir Anthem "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
Choir Anthem "There's a Song in the Air"  
Choir Anthem "All My Heart This Night Rejoices"

**The Manger**

Choir Anthem "Still, Still, Still"  
Choir Anthem "Away in a Manger"

**The Joyous News**

Choir Anthem "Wexford Carol"  
**Congregation "Joy to the World!"**  
Choir Anthem "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Prayer

Choir Anthem "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Benediction & Charge Rev. Goldman

Postlude "Joy to the World" Dr. Gilbreath

\*All that are able are invited to stand. **Bold and Italic type indicates our shared response.**



**To Our Visitors & Guests:**

**Welcome!** It is a blessing to have you in worship with us today! If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider membership in St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. The pastor and elders will be available following the service to answer any questions you may have. ***There is a place for you here. We are delighted to have you with us today!***

**St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Teams 2017** **Chairperson**

Administration, Finance & Property.....	Stu Strong & Turner Matthews
Buildings/Grounds/Clerk of Session.....	Stu Strong
Communications & Outreach.....	Harold Culbert & Ceil Hydrick
Education & Spiritual Formation.....	Shelly Shull
Finance & Stewardship.....	Turner Matthews & Tommy Gates
Member Care.....	B.J. Breeding
Nominating.....	Nellie Gates
Mission.....	Greg Vogel
Worship.....	Linda Webster & Linda Grissom

**Class of 2018**

Stu Strong  
Harold Culbert  
Linda Webster

**Class of 2019**

Ceil Hydrick  
Greg Vogel  
Turner Matthews

**Class of 2020**

BJ Breeding  
Dan Watt  
Ed Wyle

**Weekly Activities:**

Sunday School for all ages 8:45a  
Sunday Worship 10:00a  
Wednesday Potluck Supper 6:00p  
Wednesday Classes for all ages 6:30p  
Choir Practice 7:30p

Congregational Songs: Please join the choir singing.

### **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

O Come, All ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold Him; born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation.  
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning.  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

### **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise. Join the triumph of the skies.  
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness.  
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the songs of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

### **The First Noel**

The first Noel, the angel did say,  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel.

### **Joy to the World**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.  
Let earth receive her King.  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room;  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and heav'n, and nature sing,

He rules the world with truth and grace;  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, and wonders of His love.

Scripture: Cerese Sweeley: Luke 2:1-14 KJV

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (*And* this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.