

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman

Stuart Strong, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming/Emmanuel" Dr. Gilbreath

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: The time of waiting and watching is here! Are you ready?

**People: We are waiting for the Lord of peace to open our hearts.**

Leader: The Lord of Peace comes to you this day to free you from your sins.

**People: We are ready to receive the precious blessings of God.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God who loves us dearly.

**People: Let us praise God for God's blessings in our lives. AMEN.**

Prayer of Adoration

Lighting of the Advent Candle, Hope Doug and Jean Coshow

\*Hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Vss. 1 & 4 #88  
*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***It's starting already, Lord. It is only the first Sunday in Advent, and we are caught up in the pressures and stresses of the holiday season. Pursued by the temptation to spend our funds, our energy, and our spirits, we feel that there is no peace or rest in the world. Lord of light and peace. shine on us this day. Forgive us when we have so easily succumbed to the anxieties and fears and temptations of the season. Slow us down. Calm our spirits. Give us an awareness that this is the season of waiting and of preparation. Pour peace into our lives and help us to be bearers of peace to others. For we ask this in Jesus' precious Name. AMEN.***

Hymn "Wait for the Lord" X2 #90

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

Anthem "Advent Prayer" Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 Elder Strong

Scripture Reading Luke 21:25-36 Rev. Goldman

Message "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like What?" Rev. Goldman

Offertory "Because I Have Been Given Much" Dr. Gilbreath  
\*Doxology #606  
\*Prayer

\*Communion Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #82

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also, with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise. . . with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

***Hymn #497 Sing "Bread of Life from Heaven" (refrain only)***

***Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,  
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again. (repeat)***

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, . . .our lives  
proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

**People: Amen**

Presentation to Confirmation Youth		Rev. Goldman
*Hymn	“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”	#93
*Charge & Benediction		Rev. Goldman
Postlude	“How Great Our Joy”	Dr. Gilbreath

\*All that are able are invited to stand.  
***Bold italic type indicates our shared response.***  
 All hymns are from the Glory to God (purple) hymnal.

**To Our Visitors & Guests:**

***Welcome!*** It is a blessing to have you in worship with us today! 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. If you are a first-time visitor, we would like to take you to lunch, so don't run out on us. ***There is a place for you here. We are delighted to have you with us today!***

**St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Teams 2018**

	<b><u>Chairperson</u></b>
Clerk of Session .....	Stu Strong
Worship .....	Linda Webster & Linda Grissom
Member Care .....	B. J. Breeding
Education & Spiritual Formation.....	John Jordan & Teresa Culbert
Mission .....	Greg Vogel
Communications & Outreach .....	Harold Culbert & Ceil Hydrick

**Committees & Subcommittees**

Administration, Finance & Property .....	Stu Strong, Turner Matthews & Ed Wyle
Personnel & Planning.....	Ed Wyle
Building/Grounds.....	Stu Strong
Finance & Stewardship .....	Turner Matthews & Tommy Gates
Nominating .....	Dan Watt & Jim Boyd



**A D V E N T**

**Scripture Reading Stu Strong: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

**Scripture Reading, Rev. Goldman: Luke 21:25-36**

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these

things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."