

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman

Samantha Simmons, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

Dr. Gilbreath

Pastor's Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome today to this time of preparation.

People: *Although we have been preparing for celebrations, we come seeking to prepare our hearts to receive God's Good News.*

Leader: Get ready! The Lord is bringing to us Hope and Peace.

People: *How wonderful it is that the Lord is showering us with Peace.*

Leader: Open your hearts and let your spirits be quieted. Be at peace with the Lord.

People: *Lord, prepare our lives and bring us peace. AMEN.*

Prayer of Adoration

Lighting of the Advent Candle, Love

Barbara Allen and Faye Anderson

*Hymn "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" #81
Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, hear us this day as we open our hearts and our spirits to you. These times in which we live are often confusing and fearful. We are pushed to prepare for a season which is supposed to bring hope and peace; yet we crowd it with obligations, and stresses and shut the door to your healing love and compassion. We find ourselves being on edge, fretful, wondering if we have done enough, or can do enough. You answer our fears with your voice, "Peace, be still." Help us to hear you. Slow us down. Encourage us to take some time to listen rather than shout, to stop and rest rather than run. Cause us to look around at situations and people who are in need, and to place our focus on helping them. For it is in helping your people and reaching out in love that we will find true peace. These things we pray, in Jesus' Name. AMEN. (We offer our own silent confessions . . .)

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 "Adore Him, Emmanuel" Choir

Prayer for Illumination Samantha Simmons

Scripture Reading Luke 1:68-79 Samantha Simmons

Youth Message Rev. Goldman

Scripture Reading Philippians 1:3-11 Rev. Goldman

Message "The Secret Key to Whatever Imprisons You" Rev. Goldman

*Hymn "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" #100

*Let us declare our faith with the Apostles' Creed:

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People (debts/debtors)

Offertory Dr. Gilbreath
*Doxology #606
*Prayer

*Hymn "Prepare the Way, O Zion" #106

*Charge & Benediction Rev. Goldman

Postlude 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 **Chairperson**

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| Communications & Outreach | Harold Culbert & Ceil Hydrick |

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Scripture Reading Samantha Simmons Luke 1:68-79

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Scripture Reading Rev. Goldman Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you,

because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.