

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Bob Naumann, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Pastor's Welcome Rev. Brogdon

Minute for Mission Christmas Joy Offering John Jordan

Call to Worship.

One: The days are coming; your salvation is nearing.

All: Teach us your paths as we wait on your coming promise.

One: The heavens are speaking; your kingdom is arriving.

All: Strengthen our hearts as we wait on your coming promise.

One: The world is turning; new life is appearing.

All: Keep us alert as we wait on your coming promise.

One: We worship you with waiting hearts this day.

All: Fill us with hope in this season. Amen.

*Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vv. 1-3, 6-7 #88

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Coming Christ, you may not find us as you hoped. We've looked away from signs we do not wish to see. We've stopped listening to distress we do not wish to hear. We are numb to inconvenient truths. Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors. Revive our hearts laden with compassion fatigue. Sharpen our minds clouded by worries. Sober our lives addicted to comfort. Show us the signs of your coming, that we may stand before you, the Son of Man, in whose name we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" v. 1 #83

Assurance of Pardon:

One: As sure as the fig tree blossoms, so sure is the salvation of God, poured out for the world in Jesus Christ our Lord. Believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Advent Candle of Hope

Linda Grissom

*Gloria "Angels We Have Heard on High" #113
V.1 and refrain

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Barb Mouton

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 Barb Mouton

Anthem "Thee We Adore" Choir

Scripture Reading Luke 21:25-36 Rev. Brogdon

Sermon "Looking for a Fig Tree" Rev. Brogdon

We Respond to God's Word

Call for the Offering
Offertory "Emmanuel" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "The Days Are Surely Coming" #357

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

One: With saints, with angels, and with the whole creation,
we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

One: We give you thanks, Holy God, for Jesus...

One: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Rev. Brogdon continues.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer After Communion

God, our Provision, we rejoice that you satisfy our needs. By your presence in this meal, you have fed us and strengthened us, as a mother nourishes her baby. In this waiting season, fill us with hopeful expectation that we may see the signs of your kingdom all around us and rejoice in your coming salvation and glory. Amen.

We Are Sent Into the World

*Hymn "Christ Is Coming" #360

*Benediction Rev. Brogdon

Postlude "Take the Name of Jesus with You" Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar:

Mon., Dec. 2 11:30 AM-12:30 PM Advent Chat "N" Chew, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch.

Tues., Dec. 3 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women, in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will follow at 11:30 AM at Olive Garden.

Wed., Dec. 4 4:30 PM Choir
5:30 PM Hanging of the Greens & Soup Dinner

Thurs., Dec. 5 1:00 Pm Caring Hands

Sun., Dec. 8 Congregational Meeting after the service

To Our Guests:

Welcome! It is a blessing to have you in worship with us today. We warmly invite your participation in the worship, fellowship, and ministry of our congregation. The pastor is available to answer any questions you might have after worship, by email or phone. There is a place for you here.

Live Streams and recordings of each week's worship service are available on our YouTube channel. For more information, visit us at www.standrewdecatour.org

Scripture Reading, Elder Barb Mouton: 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 Brogdon: 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."