

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2025

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Bob Naumann, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "We Three Kings of Orient Are" Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Call to Worship:

One: Come, let us praise our God and Creator,

All: who has given us every spiritual blessing in Christ.

One: Come, let us praise Christ our savior,

All: who has redeemed us by the riches of God's grace.

One: Come, let us praise the Spirit,

All: who marks us as beloved heirs of God.

One: Come with wisdom and understanding;

All: let us hope in Christ together and praise God forever. Amen.

*Hymn "Here in This Place" #401

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, we confess that we are a distracted people and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices, hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world. We have sinned against you and are deeply sorry and repent of our disregard of you, each other, and your creation. By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth; through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response "What Child Is This" v.1 #145

Assurance of Pardon:

One: As children of the Holy One, God forgives you and loves you eternally. By the power of God's Spirit, forgive yourself and forgive others as God in Christ has forgiven you.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri #581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Bob Naumann

Scripture Reading John 1:1-8 Bob Naumann

*Hymn "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" #494

Scripture Reading John 1:9-18 Rev. Brogdon

Sermon "The Word Became Flesh" Rev. Brogdon

We Respond to God's Word

Call for the Offering

Offertory "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Communion Anthem "In Remembrance of Me" Choir

Communion

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: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O holy God, creator and ruler of the universe.

One: ...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

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

We sing a new song to you, Lord. Through this bread and wine, we receive your joy. All of creation praises you, joining with glad voices to share the good news of Christ's saving birth. We give thanks for the Word you first sang, Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

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| We Are Sent Into the World | | |
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| *Hymn | "God of Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" | #331 |
| *Benediction | | Rev. Brogdon |
| Postlude | "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" | Dr. Gilbreath |

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar:

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| Mon., Jan. 6 | 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Remove Christmas decorations |
| Tues., Jan. 7 | 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women's Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, Lesson: "Air Quality" Leader: B.J. Breeding |
| Mon., Jan. 13 | HAD Lunch – sign up on the bulletin board to bring cornbread, rolls, dessert or serve |

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.

Children's activity bags are available from an usher for the sermon time. Please leave the bag in the pew as you leave.

A nursery is provided for children 3 years of age and under.

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



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Scripture Reading, Bob Naumann: John 1:1-8

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: John 1:9-18

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.