

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent
Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor
Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

November 30, 2025
Elder Jackie Naumann, Liturgist
Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

Minute for MissonChristmas Joy OfferingJohn Jordan

*Call to Worship:
One: I was glad when they said to me,
All: “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
One: You know what time it is:
All: Now is the time to wake from sleep.
One: The day of God is near.
All: We do not know the hour, so we will live like the time is here and now.
One: God is here, now!
All: Let us worship the Lord

*Hymn

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:
God of night and day, there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you and no secret that you will not bring to light. For our reveling and drunkenness, forgive us, O God. For our vulgarity and indecency, forgive us, O God. For our quarreling and jealousy, forgive us, O God. O God, forgive us our sins, renew us in love, and teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” v.3

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Assurance of Pardon
One: Beloved, in your baptism you were bathed in light and clothed with grace.
Therefore, put on the Lord Jesus Christ! Know that you are forgiven, and live in peace.

Advent Candle of Hope

Tommy & Nellie Gates

*Congregational Response

“While We Are Waiting, Come” v.1

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We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture ReadingRomans 13:11-14

Choir Anthem“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

Scripture ReadingMatthew 24:36-44

Sermon“Quick, Look Busy!”

*Hymn“Awake! Awake, & Greet the New Morn”#107

We Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith: 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

Call for the Offering
(The offering plate is not passed, but is located on a stand outside the sanctuary doors.)

Offertory

“He Is Born, the Divine Christ-Child”

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn

“Christ Is Coming!”

#360

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Sun., Nov. 30	Holiday Hope Chest boxes are due. Last day to order poinsettias.
Mon., Dec. 1	11:30 AM-12:30PM Chat “N” Chew
Tues., Dec. 2	10:00 AM Presbyterian Women’s Meeting
Thurs., Dec. 4	1:00 PM Caring Hands
Mon., Dec. 8	HAD Lunch 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Chat “N” Chew

*Today is the last day for poinsettia donations. You may donate any amount in honor or in memory of a loved one. Checks should be made payable to St. Andrew.

Guests

Welcome! It is a blessing to have you 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.standrewdecaturn.org

Scripture Reading, Jackie Naumann: Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Matthew 24:36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”