

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Nellie Gates, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

"Tiny King Medley"

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Pastor's Welcome

*Call to Worship:

One: Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy.

All: To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

One: This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!

One: Let us go now to Bethlehem.

All: Let us worship the newborn King!

*Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Emmanuel, you have given us a gift that we can never deserve. You do not ask us to be worthy. You do not ask us to earn your love. Yet the ways we have fallen short threaten to overtake us. But we know we can come to you, even on this holiest of nights, to seek the forgiveness you offer so freely, grateful for your mercy. Redeem us from evil and cleanse us from sin, through Christ, who gave himself for us, so that we might be your people, holy and whole. Amen. Silent Confession)

Congregational Response

"What Child Is This" v.1

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Assurance of Pardon:

One: A child has been born for us with the power and authority to set us free from sin forever. This child will be called wonderful and mighty, everlasting gift of peace. Believe the good news: in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Advent Candle of Christ

WC & Cerese Sweeley

Gloria

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" v.1

#119

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

*Hymn

"Angels, We Have Heard on High"

#113

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Reflection

We Respond to God's Word

Call for the Offering

Offertory

"Mary, Did You Know?"

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

"Joy to the World"

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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: Almighty God, you shape your very life to create and restore and enjoy us forever.

One: ...singing the hymn of your unending praise:

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: Holiness is who you are, God of Christmas, and blessings come in Jesus Christ, your Child of Grace.

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

Gracious God, you have gathered us here in the great company of your people to sing hymns of praise, hear the message of redemption, and share the feast of grace. Now send us out with songs of joy, that all the world may know the good news of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymns	“Away In a Manger”	#115
	“Silent Night”	#122

*Benediction		Rev. Brogdon
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Postlude	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”	Dr. Gilbreath
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*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Wed., Dec. 25 Merry Christmas!

Wed., Dec. 24th – Thurs., Dec. 25 The church office will be closed.

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, Nellie Gates: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger,

because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.