

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Prelude

January 4, 2026

Linda Faulk, Liturgist

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

"We Three Kings"

## We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome

\*Call to Worship:

One: Grace to you and peace in this new year.

**All: We will bless God who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.**

One: Before the foundation of the world,

**All: God destined us for love.**

One: Through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,

**All: God adopted us as family.**

One: From the farthest edges of the earth, God shepherds God's family home.

**All: Let us worship the Lord!**

\*Hymn                    "Angels From the Realm of Glory"                    #143

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**God of love and compassion, you have come into the world and yet we have not recognized you. Forgive our lack of insight and open our eyes to see you here and now, that we may receive your grace through Jesus our Christ.**

**Amen.** (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response                    "Joy to the World" v.3                    #134

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Friends, hear the good news of your salvation: God freely bestows God's grace on us through Jesus Christ. In Christ we receive redemption and forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of the grace that God lavishes on us. So be reconciled to God and one another.

**All: Forgiven and freed, we will live in peace.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri

#581

## We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

\*Hymn                    "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

#666

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-9

Sermon

"Who Turned Off the Light?"

## We Respond to God's Word

Call for the Offering

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

"The First Noel"

\*Doxology

#606

\*Prayer of Dedication

Communion Anthem

"Come to the Table of the Lord"

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: In the emptiness of chaos, Blessing of Imagination, the Word carried all your hopes...

One: ...we join our voices singing to you:

**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: Holy are you in every moment, Joyous God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Light and Life.

One: ...even as we tell of that mystery we call 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.**

### We Are Sent Into the World

\*Hymn                    "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"                    #132

\*Benediction

Postlude                    "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

***Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.***

#### Calendar:

Tues., Jan. 6            10:00 AM Presbyterian Women's Meeting

Wed., Jan. 7            4:30P Choir

Mon., Jan. 12            HAD Lunch



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#### 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.

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### **Scripture Reading, Linda Faulk: 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: John 1:1-9**

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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.