



2nd Sunday in Advent

December 9, 2018 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

We Gather in the Presence of the Triune God

Gathering Music | People, Look East *setting by* Wayne L. Wold (8:30), Cathy Moglebust (11:00)

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude | (8:30) Light One Candle *by* Natalie Sleeth

(11:00) Prepare the Way, O Zion *setting by* Anna Laura Page

Candle Lighting | (8:30) Grace, Bodie, & Todd Young & Helen Bryce; (11:00) Jeremy, Sara, Isaac, & Eleanor Penn

Unison Prayer

Thank you, God, for the light of peace. As we prepare for Christ's coming, help us to share our peace with others. Amen.

***Call to Worship** | based on Psalm 85:7-13, NIV

Show us your unfailing love, O God, our Savior,
and grant us your salvation.

Listen to what the Lord our God says:

He promises peace to his people, who are his beloved saints.

The Lord will indeed give what is good.

Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

May the Lord make his holy face to shine upon us in this time of Advent worship.

May we see God's face and so know peace. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn** | Prepare the Way, O Zion *see insert*

We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

***Call to Confession**

In acknowledgement that we have fallen short of God's glory, let us prepare the way of the Lord! Let us make our confession to God.

Hymns + Songs | *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you who called forth light, forgive our preference for the dark! You who made covenant to be Israel's God, forgive us for doubting your faithfulness to your promises. You who sent John to be a voice crying, forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all! Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

The good news this Advent season is God's faithfulness in delivering his people from sin. Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace. Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us, setting us free to love and serve.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*The Peace | time of greeting

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(11:00) **Handbell Response** | Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming *setting by* Cynthia Dobrinski

The Word of the Lord

Old Testament Lesson | Malachi 3:1-4 *Bible*, pg. 778

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Time for Young Disciples | Heather Woodin, Director of Children's and Family Ministries

Parents who would like to have their children (3 year old-Kindergarten) participate in Children's Time are welcome to accompany their children downstairs during the congregational hymn.

Congregational Hymn | (8:30) People, Look East *setting by* Susan Rucker

please join the choir in singing the final stanza

Angels, announce the blessed feast:

He is coming from the east!

Set ev'ry town and village humming

with the news the Lord is coming!

People, look east, and sing today:

Love the Lord is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

(11:00) Days of Elijah *setting by* Rob Howard

please join the choir in singing the refrain

Behold he comes, riding on the clouds,

shining like the sun at the trumpet call.

Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,

and out of Zion's hill salvation comes

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Gospel Lesson | Luke 1:68-79 *Bible*, pg. 832

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson | Luke 3:1-6 *Bible*, pg. 834

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message | The Voice Out of the Silence *Rev. Kyle Otterbein*

Responding to the Word

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card and placed in the offering plate.

Offertory | (8:30) Away in a Manger *setting by* Patricia Sanders
(11:00) Comfort, Comfort Now My People *setting by* Kevin McChesney



SAPC Give Now

***Offertory Response** | Sung to “Lift Up Your Heads”

**To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally.**

Text: 9th century Latin hymn, translated by John Mason Neale

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Lord’s Prayer + Prayers of the People

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending

***Sending Hymn** | Blessed be the God of Israel *red hymnal, #67*

***Charge + Blessing**

***Postlude** | Comfort, Comfort Now My People *setting by* Craig Phillips

You are invited to remain for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!

Today’s Worship Participants

Matthew Penning, *director of music*

Heather Woodin, *director of children’s and family ministries*

Logos Choir, Tamera Penning, *piano*

Laudate Ringers, Madeline Ohl, *violin*

Agape Singers, Christian Drollinger, *piano*; Lisa Shileny, *flute*

Grace Notes, Nelda Wittig, *director*

Jubilate Ringers, Lee Rabe, *director*

JuBELLation, Laura Kasten, *director*

(8:30) Karen Raynor; (11:00) Becky Benson, *worship leaders*

Announcements

Welcome! We are happy to have you here with us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please indicate your interest on the Connection Card. Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service. This is a wonderful way to meet the St. Andrew family.

Prayer: If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner at the Prayer Room at the back of the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

All ages are welcomed in our worship services. Worship materials for children and adults, including large print hymnals, bibles, and bulletins are available on the shelves outside the north sanctuary doors. A T-Coil hearing assist loop is also available for those with this feature on their hearing aids.

If needed, **infant and toddler care** (up to age 2) is provided downstairs in the Nursery. Children's Time, for ages 3 years through Kindergarten, is also downstairs.

Prayer Requests may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plate.

QR Coding for Giving: The QR code in the Sunday bulletin is an electronic code that links to the giving page on our church website. In worship, we respond to God's love with our offering. We hope that people who like technology will use these prompts to connect their gifts to our worship.

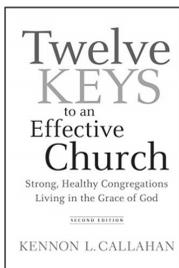
Connection Cards are one way we can extend welcome and hospitality to our guests while also helping us consider steps we can take in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We ask each person to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Members, once your contact information is correct, you only need to write your name.

I will...

- ◇ Choose a situation in my life or in the life of the world around me and pray that God's deliverance is experienced there.
- ◇ Share with a friend or my household one place in my life where I am experiencing new freedom to serve Christ.
- ◇ Begin each day with repentance: a deliberate turning to follow Jesus Christ on that day.
- ◇ Make plans to witness the Christmas Pageant today at 2:00.

The **flowers** are given by the Penning Family in celebration of Margaret's 16th birthday on December 10.

Adult Education



The Church in Transition: Finding Community in Christ | November 11, 18, & 25 and December 2 & 9

As St. Andrew moves forward with discussions about our overall mission and vision, Pastor Danie de Beer has been recommending a book by Kennon Callahan, "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church," as a guide to help us develop into "a strong, healthy congregation living in the grace of God." In dialogue with those discussions, this Adult Education class will explore one of the main components Callahan has found to be part of all healthy, effective congregations: a shared theology of community. **(Location: MPR)**

Christian Caregiving — A Way of Life | November 11, 18, & 25 and December 2 & 9

St. Andrew's Stephen Ministers offer a guide in discussion and practice format to improve the quality of care we give people around us — family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, customers, and clients. **(Location: Room 128)**

Lunch with the Leaders Today Following 11:00 Worship Service

If you are interested in knowing more about the life of St. Andrew and/or you are wanting to explore membership at St. Andrew, then Lunch with the Leaders is for you! Please join us in the Atrium following the 11:00 service. Lunch is provided!

Children's Christmas Pageant Today



Children in preschool through 6th grade will tell the story of the birth of Jesus. The pageant is **TODAY at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary.**

Inclement Weather Policy

Church activity cancellations for weather-related reasons do not always align with the Iowa City Community School District closures. Any decision to cancel church-related programs or meetings will be made by noon on the day of the event. Decisions to cancel Sunday worship will be made by 6:00 am. Any closure or cancellation will be posted on the church website, Facebook page, and KCRG.

Opportunities In/For Guatemala

Two mission trips are planned for 2019, and the time to form the teams is NOW! **March 16 - 23** (U of I and ICCSD Spring Break week) will be led by Kathi Anderson (319/430.5976, mainekids@mchsi.com). **July 27 - August 3** will be led by Sue Swearingen (319/530.4554; hawkfan1951@hotmail.com), and that team will form in early 2019. Families are welcome. Children must be at least 10 years old.

Small Group Opportunity | Ladies Loving Life

Ladies Loving Life is up and running with over 30 ladies listed in the directory. If you have given Cher your name and have not been contacted by her, please let her know as we want to make sure we haven't left anyone out. Cher can be reached at MgirL449@yahoo.com. Thank you!



Purchase a Poinsettia to Decorate the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve



We will be decorating the Sanctuary with poinsettias again this year. If you would like to participate, go to our website or pick up an order form in the Atrium. You may take your flowers home after the 11:00 pm worship service on Christmas Eve. All poinsettias are red and will come in 6" pots. If you desire, your name and/or a dedication will be listed in our Christmas Eve worship bulletins. Questions? Contact Deb Fick at ddfick@mchsi.com.

Music Ministry Opportunities

Unique Opportunity for Ministry Immersion



Are you open to new experiences and new cultures? Do you have an extra room in your home? St. Andrew is teaming up

with former director of music, Shelly Moorman-Stahlman to provide a ministry immersion experience for 10 Brazilian young adults between February 12 and July 2. These students will spend a month at Lebanon Valley College, then travel to Iowa City to be immersed in ministry at St. Andrew, specifically learning more about music ministry and congregational life, and gaining the training they need to lead others in Brazil. Join us today at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary to learn more about what it means to act as a host for these enthusiastic young adults. There are opportunities for more than providing a bed including helping with rides while in Iowa City, offering unique experiences, or just building relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ. **Questions?** Talk to Matthew Penning, mpenning@saintandrew-ic.org, or Heather Woodin, hwoodin@saintandrew-ic.org.

Calling All Singers! Help Us Fill the Choir Loft!

We have two services for youth and adults to join together in song, December 16 & December 24.

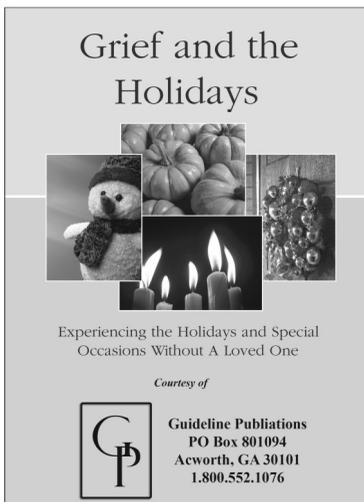
December 16, 8:30 & 11:00 am | A Service of Lessons and Carols with Instrumentalists, Organ, & Choir

December 24, 7:00 pm | Christmas Eve Intergenerational Choir Rehearsals may be attended on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Music is available for you to rehearse on your own if you cannot make all rehearsals. Special Christmas Eve rehearsals will take place on Sundays, December 16 & 23 between services.

Hosts Needed Luther College Choir Event—Jan.31

St. Andrew will be hosting the 2019 Dorian Choral Invitational led by Luther College, and we are seeking people to help with dinner and overnight stays for the 70 voice Nordic Choir. Four area high school choirs have been selected to work with the Luther College choral faculty and Nordic Choir, the top-touring choir. If you are interested in hosting two or more college students overnight, or can help out with the dinner, please contact Matthew Penning, mpenning@saintandrew-ic.org.

Grief During the Holidays



The Stephen Ministers at St. Andrew want to share an article by Rev. Justin Schlueter about grief at the holidays. You can find it at <https://bit.ly/2ASLanq>. They have also provided grief materials in the Atrium for you to take home, such as the "Grief and the Holidays" pamphlet pictured to the left.

Christmas Concert Matinee

Come relax and enjoy an afternoon of Christmas Choral Classics! Who doesn't love choral music at the holidays? Our own Director of Music Ministries, Matthew Penning, will be playing the Krapf Organ as well as leading the audience in singing carols. Freewill donations will be accepted, and free childcare will be provided for audience members.



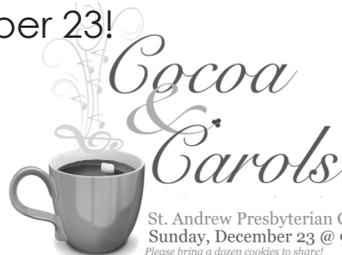
Project Holiday



Project Holiday is a special service of The Crisis Center Food Bank to provide food so Johnson County families in need can prepare their traditional holiday meal. The Food Bank provides a variety of food options, and clients will be able to choose the best items for their family. To donate, visit jccrisiscenter.org/project-holiday or take a tag from the wreath at the ministry counter at St Andrew and mail in your donation! Questions? Contact LeAnn Otterbein at leann.otterbein@gmail.com. Thank you!

Cocoa and Carols is Back, Sunday, December 23!

Our Fellowship Team is hosting the Annual St. Andrew Cocoa and Carols sing-along between worship services (9:45 - 10:45 am) on Sunday, December 23 in the Atrium. The Fellowship Team will provide hot cocoa and coffee, and Jeff Charis-Carlson will play the piano. Each family is asked to please bring a dozen cookies.



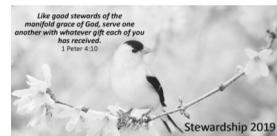
The Mitten Tree



St. Andrew church again has a tree erected in the lower level Children's Ministry area to collect your "decorations"! Please bring new or like-new mittens, gloves, scarves, ear-warmers, and hats to hang on the tree. These will all be donated to community groups after Christmas. Thank you for "decking" our Mitten Tree!

Stewardship Update & Thank You!

Thank you to the 130+ families and/or individuals committing to this year's stewardship campaign. Sixty-five percent of your pledges are new or increasing. Last week Session began discussing the budget for next year. We are planning another fruitful year of ministry at St. Andrew.



Christmas Joy Offering December 23 and 24



By giving to the Presbyterian Christmas Joy Offering (one of four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA)), you provide assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and to our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. St. Andrew will be collecting the offering at the December 23 and 24 worship services. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

Leadership

Interim Senior Pastor	Rev. Dr. Danie deBeer
Associate Pastor	Rev. Kyle Otterbein
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Mark Martin
Music Director	Matthew Penning
Assistant Director of Instrumental Ministries	Lee Rabe
Assistant Director of Children's Vocal Ministries	Nelda Wittig
Assistant Director of Handbell Ministries	Laura Kastens
Music Intern	Christopher Arp
Children's & Family Ministry Director	Heather Woodin
Youth Ministries Director	Randy Hausler
Finance Administrator	John Benson
Office & Communications Administrator	Sarah Dyck

December Birthdays

Annika Kopf	12/01	Jean Cox	12/15	Paula McCue	12/24
Emersyn Leimkuehler	12/02	Sydney Kout	12/15	Dean Oakes	12/24
Tim Finer	12/03	Tracy Hulsebus	12/16	Connor Mebus	12/25
Carter Fisher	12/03	Brian Griffith	12/17	Dave Nicholson	12/25
Kris Smith	12/04	Danielle Law	12/17	Darlene Rominger	12/26
Brad Van Voorhis	12/04	Ryan Shileny	12/17	Mike Anderson	12/27
Ryan O'Deen	12/05	Toby Trail	12/17	Allison Bernard	12/29
Brad Grupe	12/06	Allison Whitney	12/17	Madeline Fincham	12/29
Peggy Meyer	12/06	Chris Pigge	12/18	Emma Gibson	12/29
Julia Austin	12/08	Grayson Schilling	12/18	David Grady	12/29
Dennis Dykstra	12/08	Brody Sobolik	12/18	Austin Kannegieter	12/29
Becky Houser	12/08	Nancy Barth	12/19	Amandine Mothershed	12/29
Sharon Hansen	12/09	Pam Dorale	12/19	Payton Proud	12/29
Margaret Penning	12/10	Stacie Kasper	12/19	Silas Spurrell	12/29
Britt Deerberg	12/11	Sloane Tyler	12/20	Samantha Anderson	12/30
Lauryn Hynek	12/11	Nichole Stewart	12/21	Erik Brakke	12/30
Kara Spurrell	12/12	Catharine Found	12/21	Laura Frey Law	12/30
Ana Jacobson	12/13	Joni Opheim	12/21	Sophia Goers	12/30
Savannah Law	12/13	Colette Soultz	12/21	Dell Richard	12/30
Linda Clark	12/14	David Bluder	12/24	Parker Bodle	12/31

December Anniversaries

Sheila and Brad Stiles	12/05
Larry & Tami Luce	12/19
Mathew & Tamera Penning	12/23
Kerri & Eric Goers	12/28
Wanda & Jim Halverson	12/28

