



1st Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2017 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

We Gather in the Presence of the Triune God

Prelude | Carillon for Advent *by* Dean Wagner

Welcome + Announcements

Candle Lighting | (8:30) Brakke Family, (11:00) Rabe Family

Unison Prayer

**God, in this season of Advent, help us to put our hope in you,
rather than things, to satisfy our longings. Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn** | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *see insert*

We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

***Call to Confession**

Prepare the way of the Lord! Let us make our confession to God.

Silence for personal confession

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord God, our lives are marred by sin and self-centeredness. We forget our neighbor's needs and do not love you above all else. We need a Savior. Help us to be ready for Jesus in our own hearts. O come, O come, Savior of the world. Amen.

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

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

***Words of Assurance**

Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. In Christ, God's salvation is at hand and righteousness has come. **Thanks be to God!**

***The Peace** | time of greeting

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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 passing of the peace. Children will be brought back to the Sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.

The Word of the Lord

Old Testament Lesson | Isaiah 64:1-9 *Bible*, pg. 606

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

Psalms Lesson | Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 *Bible*, pg. 470

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

Choral Response | Shine On Us *setting by Benjamin Harlan*

Epistle Lesson | 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 *Bible*, pg. 926

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

Gospel Lesson | Mark 13:24-37 *Bible*, pg. 826

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

Message | Longing and Readiness Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Minute for Mission | Dr. Freddy Elbaiady, Salam Medical Center, Cairo, Egypt

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 | Give Me Jesus *setting by (8:30) Rachel Trelstad Porter, (11:00) Moses Hogan*

***Offertory Response**

**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.**

Tune: TRURO (Lift Up Your Heads), Text: ninth century Latin hymn, translated by John Mason Neale

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving + Words of Institution

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Music During Distribution | Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *setting by Anne Krentz Organ*
meditate on hymn text #821

Prayers of the People + The Lord's Prayer

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** | Soon and Very Soon *red hymnal, #482*

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 front of the sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastor*

Matthew Penning, *director of music* | Logos Choir, Tamera Penning (*piano*), Laudate Ringers, Beth Hill (*flute*)

David Meyer, *soloist*

Kristen DeGrazia, *assistant director of music* | Cantate Choristers

(8:30) Jan Taylor; (11:00) Rebecca 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.

Families with children and infants are welcomed in our worship services. Worship materials for children are available on the bookshelves outside the sanctuary.

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

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. As my next step today, I will . . .

- ◇ Pray each day to prepare for the presence of Jesus Christ in my household, work, and play.
- ◇ Talk with my household or friends about who we want to invite to worship with us during Advent and Christmas Eve. Ask, "What do we need in order to be prepared to invite them?"
- ◇ Go through the Alternative Christmas posters and consider extending my Christmas to at least one of these opportunities.
- ◇ Talk to my family and friends and identify one person in our lives who may be longing for grace and wholeness. Commit to praying for this person each night at dinner.

Prayer Requests may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plate or in the Prayer Request Box by the office door.

The **flowers** today are given by the Sparks family in celebration of the first Sunday of Advent.

The **Alternative Gift Market:** Gifts may be purchased anytime through December at a "self-serve" station located in the Narthex. For more information, contact Paul Heidger at pmheidger@q.com.

If you haven't taken home a **Reverse Advent Calendar Box**, there are still some available in the Narthex. Fill it with non-perishable items. Then, the week before Christmas, deliver those items to a local food bank/pantry. Questions? Talk to Heather Woodin.

Deacons' Fund—Please consider making a donation to the Deacons' fund by either putting cash or a check in the envelopes in the baskets during worship or by bringing cash or a check into the church office. Thank you!

Purchase a poinsettia for \$11 to decorate the new sanctuary and then take it with you to decorate your home after the 11:00 pm service on Christmas Eve. Click on the poinsettia image on our website to download an order form or pick up a form on the table outside the Sanctuary. Orders are **due no later than December 10**. Questions? Contact Deb Fick at ddick@mchsi.com.

All are invited to join the "Not So Small Group" for **Christmas caroling** at Walden Place TODAY at 3:30.

We will be holding our annual **Christmas Pageant** at the North Campus on December 10 at 2:00 pm.

Lunch with Leaders will be held next week, December 10, following the 11:00 worship service. If you are interested in knowing more about St. Andrew or considering membership, this event is for you!

We will do **Cocoa and Carols** between worship services on December 17 at the new building.

