



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
December 24, 2023  
7:00 pm

**Welcome** Thank you for joining us today at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church! Our spiritual call is to "Worship Christ, Grow Together, and Serve Others."

**Guests** We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Information table in the Gathering Space. We ask that you sign the Guest Register. You can learn more about our parish family at [www.standrewsvalpo.org](http://www.standrewsvalpo.org).

**Children** Our Children's Ministry, (ages 3 (potty-trained) thru 5<sup>th</sup> grades) meet Sundays at 9:15 am in the Children's Wing. We use the Godly Play program. Please contact ministry leader Jennifer Rodd at [sundayschool@standrewsvalpo.org](mailto:sundayschool@standrewsvalpo.org)

**Youth** For Youth Group information, please contact ministry leader Jennifer Rodd at [sundayschool@standrewsvalpo.org](mailto:sundayschool@standrewsvalpo.org)

**Prayer Ministry** Our Intercessory Prayer Team meets Tuesdays at 9:00 am. Please contact Katy Hamilton at [khamilton@standrewsvalpo.org](mailto:khamilton@standrewsvalpo.org)



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Church Office Hours  
Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm

Worship /Bible Studies  
Saturday 5:30 pm Rite II Service  
Sunday 8:00 am Rite I Service  
10:00 am Rite II Service  
Tuesday 7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
Wednesday 9:00 am  
Morning Prayer w/Discussion  
Wednesday 6:00 pm Healing Service  
w/ Holy Eucharist and followed by a  
Bible Study

Holy Eucharist, Year B  
Christmas Eve – December 24, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Greeter: Hope Smith  
Carols

V. 1 & 2

Assisting: Pr. Donna Kraus  
Hymnal 87, 81, 99, 101, & 107

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 83

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God from — God, — Light from Light e - ter - nal, —  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —  
\*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, —  
\*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, —

1 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2 lo! he ab - hors — not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
4 leav - ing their flocks, — draw — nigh to gaze;  
5 we would em - brace — thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son — of the Fa - ther;  
3 glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;  
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*Refrain*  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

All standing, the Priest says

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

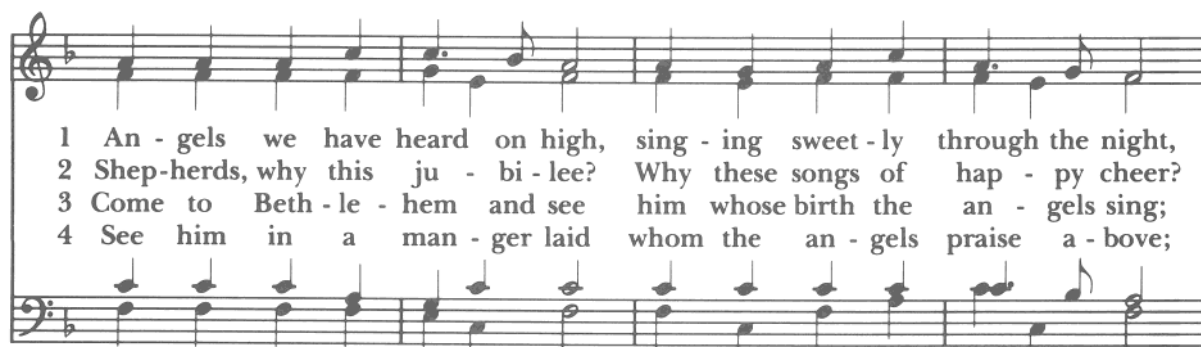
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Priest says

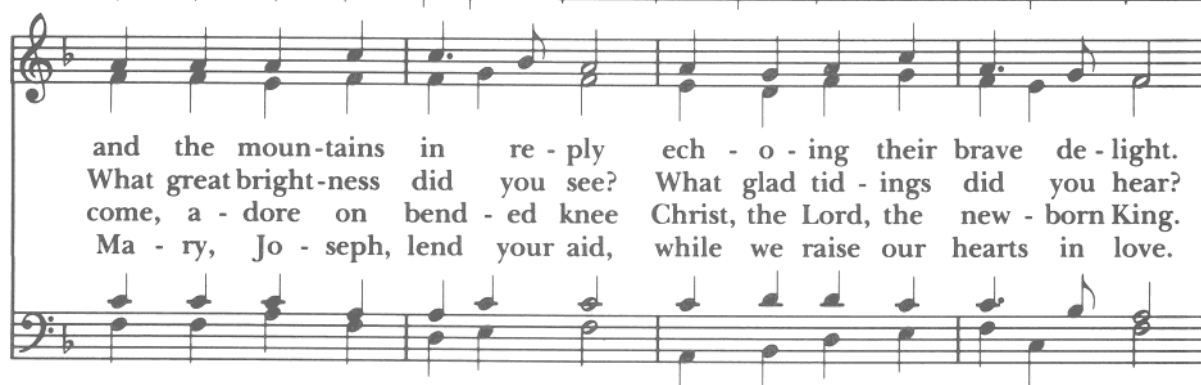
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal 96



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

### Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.  
 Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

77. 77 with Refrain

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The Collect of the Day

Priest            The Lord be with you.  
 People           **And also with you.**  
 Priest            Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Scripture readings.*

### The First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Mance Parks

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.

Lector            The Word of the Lord.  
 People            Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm 96

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
**he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
**Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
**bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
**he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \*  
**when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

## The Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

*Missy Parks*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of

our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Lector*            **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

**The Gospel Acclamation.**    *v. 1&2 before Gospel, v. 3 after Gospel*

Hymnal 84

1 Love came down at Christ - mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;  
2 Wor-ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;  
3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,  
  
love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.  
wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?  
love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), alt.

Music: Gartan, melody from *Petrie Collection of Irish Melodies, Part II*, 1902;  
harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

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## Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-14,15-20

*Priest*            **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.**

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Christmas for Children

### The Sermon

*The Rev. Cathy Carpenter*

*A moment of silence will be kept*

**'Twas in the moon of wintertime**

*Soloist: Jill Ritchie*

*Music: Une jeune pucelle French folk tune, Words: Jesse Edgar Middleton*

### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Father, in this holy night your Son our Savior was born in human flesh.

Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

In this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn.

Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

In this holy night Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth.

Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

In this holy night your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.

Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

In this holy night the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.'

Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

In this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy.

Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

In this holy night strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries Isaac Anderson( 12-24), Jim Murr (12-24), Owen Foster (12-26), Drew Cope (12-28), Michael McBride (12-28), John Parks (12-29).

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

In this holy night heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand Fr. Michael Ruggaber (2023), Wendy Casson Beres (2023), Dr. Joseph Potucek (2021), Robert Saxton (2018), Rev. James Mitchell (2018), Harry Colias (2016), Melvin Ponder (2014), Shirley Rarick (2009), Phyllis Daines (1988), Richard Steele (1977), Marjorie Knarr (1975), Herbert Walker (1970) and all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

In this holy night Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth.

Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

Father, in this holy night angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*

God of glory, your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem, where the light of the world is humbly born into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice and defenders of all for whom there is no room. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Priest*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*           **And also with you.**

**The Announcements**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory**

*The Priest says*


Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*



# The Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 78

*Unison or harmony*



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
 \*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Words: Philips Brooks (1835-1893)

Music: Forest Green, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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## The Great Thanksgiving

*Please stand.*

*Priest*            The Lord be with you.

*People*           **And also with you.**

*Priest*            Lift up your hearts.

*People*           **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest*            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*           **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Priest says*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

## Sanctus

S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The first system of musical notation for the Sanctus. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and".

might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The second system of musical notation for the Sanctus. It continues the melody from the first system. The lyrics are: "might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff.

God of power and might, — hea - ven and earth are

full, — full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes —

— in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please stand, kneel or sit as able.*

*The Priest says*

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Priest and People*

**We remember His death,  
We proclaim His Resurrection,  
We await His coming in glory.**

*The Priest says*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Priest and 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Priest says      The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons, regardless of denomination and including children are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free Bread is available at the altar opening. For those who would like to also receive consecrated Wine, proceed to the Clark Altar in the south cloister of the church. If you prefer to receive a blessing, indicate this by folding your arms across your chest when you approach.

## Communion Hymn

Hymnal 112

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;  
3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
4 What — can I give him, poor — as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim throng - ed the air;  
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow — on — snow,  
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed  
but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
if I were a wise — man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
the Lord — God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.  
wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
yet what I can I give him give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Music: Cranham, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

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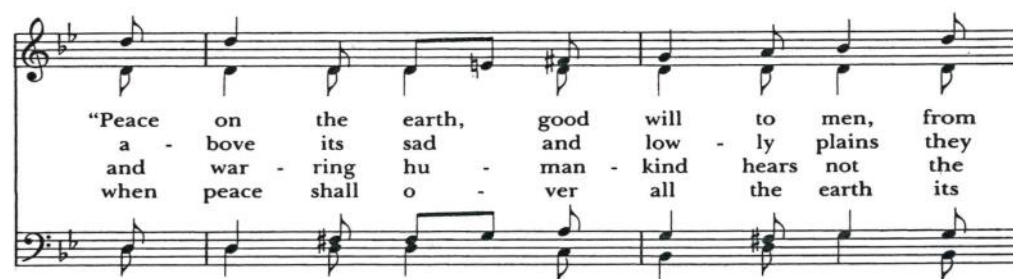
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that  
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with  
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the  
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by



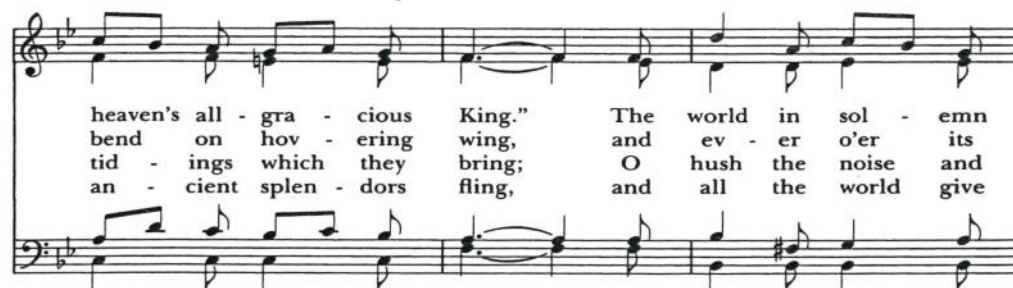
glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing  
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly  
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly  
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -



near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they  
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its



heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn  
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its  
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give



still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. born! Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 birth. Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)

Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

Irr.

*After Communion, the Priest says*      Let us pray.

*The Priest and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us, with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Blessing**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.





1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and



heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

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3 far	as the curse is	found,	far
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Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

CM with Repeat

## The Dismissal

*Priest* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.



The clergy, staff and vestry of St. Andrew's wishes you and yours blessings and best wishes for Christmastide and the New Year.

## Altar Flowers

We extend a warm Christmas welcome to all  
Visitors and Guests at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Please sign the Guest Book in the Gathering Space,  
or fill out a Visitor Card found in the pew racks  
and place it in the offering plate.

## Flower Tributes

The glorious poinsettias at the entrance to the sanctuary  
are given to the Glory of God by Harley & Jan Snyder  
in loving memory of Jan's parents, Stewart & Marjorie Knarr.

The flowers in and around the sanctuary and the Gathering Space are  
given to the Glory of God by the following parishioners:

Barb Claypool in memory of Jim Claypool.

John & Bettie Zbuka in thanksgiving of our many blessings

John & Laurie Kaufmann in memory of Sarah Kaufmann and Robert Lupo.

Katy Hamilton, in honor of Samantha Whitwell.

John & Tari Parks in memory of our son Justin Campolattara.

Mtr. Cathy Carpenter & Jon Holmer in memory of Paul & Phyllis Holmer and Helen Carpenter.

Ellen Wombwell, in loving memory of Thomas Wombwell.

Randee Kraus Hannon in memory of George & Helen Kraus, and  
Dave & Mary Hannon.

Jim & Jane Walsh Brown in memory of Peggy and Arthur Walsh.

The Devang in memory/honor of Kevin Devang.

Dave & Jennie Brock in Honor of the birth of Rowan, Audrina, & James.

Katherine Osburn in thanksgiving of the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord & Savior!

Tina Flynn in thanksgiving for many blessings & my family!

The Argueta's in memory/honor of Thomas J. Rauzen, Sr.

Al & Sue Anne Mathewson in memory/honor of Agnes & Howard Mthewson, and  
Dick & Betty Abbot.

Thomas Wheeland in memory/honor of Elizabeth Ann Carrol & Susan Wilson.

Jeff & Michelle Klemczak in loving memory of Joseph Brown, Richard Klemczak  
& Sara Pugh

Mance & Missy Parks in thanksgiving for all our blessings.

Thank you to all those who donated money anonymously for flowers.

Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

# Church Happenings



Please mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting. This will take place on February 4, 2024. More information will be forthcoming.



Please take a look at our new tables on either side of the columbarium. These are for memorial tributes such as flowers or greens. We ask that you now refrain from placing items in front of the memorial Celtic cross on the columbarium. Also please note that items will remain on the tables for 2 weeks, or until flowers are faded. Thank you for your cooperation. If you would like to retrieve your item after 2 weeks please contact the office.



Thursday, January 11, 2024 Red Cross Blood Drive in the Gathering Space from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter StAndrewsValpo to schedule and appointment.



December 30-31 Noisy Offering. It is that time to find that loose change from pockets, purses and jars on your counter. Any leftover gold and silver bars are also accepted. The louder we make it, the better. Noisy offering funds the Discretionary Account used to provide aid to those in need.



The church office will be closed from December 25 to January 1. In case of a pastoral emergency you may contact Mother Cathy at 219-386-5394.

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