

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

The prophet proclaims a festival when all God's people will celebrate that God dwells in their midst. It will be a day for rejoicing, for singing songs of salvation, for exclaiming about all the deeds God has done among the nations. People in all lands will be united. Peace will be the priority, with judgments erased, enemies cast out, and evil feared no longer, since God will gather all people together.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude and Silent Meditation

“Once He Came in Blessing” (arr. Wilbur Held)

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Invocation

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle

8:30 a.m. Bearese Family

11:00 a.m. Harding Family

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” #123

*Apostles' Creed

Hymnal Page 35

*Gloria Patri

Hymnal Page 581

Dedication

Reading of the Word:

Matthew 1:18-25

Page 1

*Doxology

Hymnal Page 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (arr. by Gary Lanier)
Ginger Hedrick, flute
David Loy, piano

Supplication

Morning Prayer

Prayer Response “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (Chorus) #136

Exposition

Children's Message/Kids of the Kingdom

*Hymn

“Love Has Come”

#110

Preaching of the Word:

“Is Our Hope Only For A White Christmas?”

Prayer of Application

Consecration

*Hymn of Consecration

“Away in a Manger”

#114

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Lo He Comes With Clouds Ascending” (arr. Wilbur Held)

* * * * *

* Congregation will stand if able

Offering plate is at the entrance to sanctuary!

Open House

Pastor Mark and Annette would like to invite you to our annual Open House **TODAY after both services**. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and express our appreciation for all you do for our ministry and for us personally.

Staff

Mark A. Sandell—Pastor

Dr. Norman G. Price—Pastor Emeritus

Annette Sandell—Director of Christian Education

Jeff Clise—Music Director

David Loy—Recording Organist

Chris Johnson—Youth and Young Adult Coordinator

Melody Johnson—Nursery

Tina Sundergill—Secretary/Bookkeeper

Website: www.standrewpresbyterian.org

E-mail: standrew@myactv.net