

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Denton, Texas

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

January 3, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Hearing devices and large print Bibles and hymnals are available. Ask an usher.

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude The Old Year Now Is Passed Away J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

RINGING OF THE BELL Iames Fite

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We meet to worship God and to remember, tell, and show God's love.

People: Like a bright start in the night sky, the life of Christ lights up the whole

Leader: The star of hope shines on, and no darkness will overcome it.

People: The light of Christ shows us who we are and what we can be, where we

have been and where we should go.

Leader: Let us walk in the light and give thanks to God.

*Hymn 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun DUKE STREET

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*Opening Prayer Fred Cassell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen. (silent confession)

CHORAL RESPONSE (The congregation is invited to join in the response.)

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify, true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

CHORAL RESPONSE (The congregation is invited to join in the response.)

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

Leader: As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

DeLila Bergan

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Old Testament, page 649

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Children ages three years through kindergarten are invited to go to the Children's Chapel at this time. Older children are invited to remain in the sanctuary with their parents.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

New Testament, page 181

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year

Fedak

Now greet the swiftly changing year with joy and penitence sincere. Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace. This Jesus came to end sin's war; This Name of names for us He bore. His love abundant far exceeds the volume of a whole year's needs. With Him as Lord to lead our way In want and in prosperity, what need we fear in earth or space in this new year of grace! "All glory be to God on high, And peace on earth!" the angels cry.

-Slovak hymn translated by Jaroslav Vajda.

Matthew 2:1-12

New Testament, page 1

Caroline Konkle, Fletcher Hays, James Fite, and Gunnison Hays

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

Sermon

The Joy of Epiphany

Lisa Patterson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

*Hymn 62 Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love EPIPHANY SONG
This is the hymn of the month for the Covenant and Noel choirs.

Offertory The Three Kings Wilbur Held

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: . . . evermore praising you and singing: People: Hymn 580 Holy, Holy, Holy

reopie. Hymn ood Hory, Hory

Leader: . . . therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: Hymn 569 Christ Has Died Memorial Acclamation

Sanctus

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Let us keep the feast!Thanksgiving after Communion

*Hymn 66 We Three Kings of Orient Are THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

*Benediction

*Postlude How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Dietrich Buxtehude

*Those who are able are asked to stand. ♣ Latecomers may be seated.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God.

Audrey Cook is serving in worship this morning as acolyte.

Alan Baroody is visiting family in Albuquerque, NM for the holidays. He will be back in the office tomorrow.

Welcome!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship today and pray that you experience the presence of Jesus Christ in our midst. For more information about St. Andrew and our ministry together, please stop by the Visitor's Welcome Center in the narthex. If you are interested in becoming a member of this congregation, we will gladly provide you with that information.

The session, our governing body, will be in the parlor immediately following the 10:30am worship service to receive new members.

When communion is served in the pews: Wine is offered in the outer ring of each tray and grape juice is in the inner rings. If you desire gluten-free elements, please tell your communion server and the server will bring gluten-free bread and juice to you in your pew.

Prayer Concerns This Week

Edie Chavira Randy Edmonds, friend of the Lewis and Cole families Luke Fitzgerald, cousin of Brian Brooks

A complete list of the ongoing prayer concerns is available in the Narthex.

Prime Time

The Prime Timers will meet on Friday, January 8, 2016, at 12:30pm in room 206/208. Come hear Kimberly Luevano and Judy Stoughton tell about their recent trip to Paris, France and their experience eating in a restaurant in total darkness (to simulate blindness). It is a fascinating story! Bring a sack lunch or just come for dessert (provided). Hope to see you there!

2016 Flower Roster Now Available

The 2016 Flower roster is now available for sign up. It is located in the office wing on the bulletin board next to the office. Please put your name and contact info. Someone will contact you before your Sunday.

Transportation Van Greeters Needed

Greeters for the Sunday transportation van are needed from the congregation. A warm friendly face is the only requirement to greet our transportation van riders at 10:00am on the occasional Sunday and accompany them to find a seat in the sanctuary for worship. At the end of the service the greeter accompanies them back to their van. The van driver assists them as they exit and enter the van. Please contact Leigh Kitchens at leighkitchens@verizon. net or call 940-566-5140 for questions or if you can help with this valuable service once every few months.

Women's Retreat

Ladies, of St. Andrew, join with your friends Friday, January 30 and Saturday 31 at the beautiful Prothro Center at Lake Texoma for a two day retreat from your every day responsibilities. "Acceptance...by Friends, Family, Self, and God" is the theme this year for the Winter Women's Retreat. You can register online at https://www.saint-andrew.com/womens-retreat. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Patterson or Kathi Sale at kathisale@yahoo.com.

Ushers Needed for 2016 Church Services

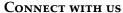
If you would like to serve as an usher during 2016, please contact Jonny Ramsey at jramsey18@verizon.net or 940-566-3170.

IMPORTANT PAGOSA SPRINGS CABIN RESERVATION INFORMATION

In an effort to ensure all our members have an equal opportunity to reserve the cabin for a one week stay during the summer, we are changing to a lottery approach.

Before January 1, 2016 please send an e-mail to jim@saint-andrew.com detailing your top 3 weeks you wish to reserve for your stay during the period of June 12 through August 31, 2016. Any week is available to be reserved except for the weeks of July 9 and July 17. I'll put your 3 choices on a slip of paper, and we'll conduct a drawing during one of the January 2016 staff meetings. If your slip is drawn and your first selection has already been taken, you'll get your 2nd choice. If your 2nd choice is taken, then you will get your 3rd choice. I'll notify the lucky winners within the week of the drawing.

The prices remain unchanged from the summer of 2015 and are as follows: For this spring/summer period each group agrees to a minimum stay of 5 nights with the maximum stay being 7 nights. For up to 6 people the weekly cost is \$500. For 7-10 people the cost is \$700. For more than 10 people, the cost is \$1,000. (Non-members add \$100 to each of the above 3 categories).







THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Called Meeting of Session, Parlor

Friday, January 8

12:30 p.m. Prime Time, Room 206/208

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St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

Children's Chapel

During the worship service, children ages three years through kindergarten go to chapel immediately following the Children's Sermon.

Epiphany

Godly Play seeks to tell the stories of the faith so that children hear and remember these stories and become engaged in them. It also provides a place and opportunities for children to begin exploring the purpose and meaning of worship. Parents may come upstairs to the Children's Chapel to pick children up following the worship service.

Sunday School

CHILDREN, 9:30-10:30am

Nursery	Room 102
Preschool	Room 100
K-5 th Grade	Media Room

YOUTH, 9:30-10:30am

element	The Den
High School	The Cave

ADULTS, 9:30-10:30am

Breakfast Club	Lisa Patterson	Room 206/208
Pastor's Class	Fred Cassell	Room 207/209
Pathfinders	Richard Sale	Room 205

Current year giving through November:

Pledges year to date \$769,010.00 Pledges received year to date \$730,969.00 Shortfall -\$ 38,041.00

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