

WELCOME!

We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Join us in the Narthex following worship so that we can get acquainted.

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

Children's Chapel

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

Advent 2

Robin Hines & Vickie Armstrong

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, 9:30-10:15am

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

YOUTH, 9:30-10:15am

element	The Den
High School	The Den

ADULTS, 9:30-10:15am

Pastor's Class	Fred Cassell	Room 207/209
Pathfinders	Richard Sale	Room 205
Breakfast Club	Class Members	Library

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St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Prayer Concerns This Week

Steven Hill	Mae Berlau, grandmother of Natalie Green
Harold McCandless	Barbara Goodwin, mother of Joey Hoffman
Matt Hogarth	Family of Amelia Leliana, granddaughter of Gary and Kathy Landes
Rosa Galvan, sister of Frank Chavira	
Peter Edera, father of Natalie Green	

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

Angel Tree Tags Are Available

Due December 6

The tree is up and the angel tags are now available in the narthex for both the Goodland Academy and the Treehouse students. Each child has multiple tags, so please be aware of which tag you choose and make sure it correlates with the same code on the sign up sheet. We ask that all gifts be wrapped and returned to the tree in the narthex or the church office by Wednesday, December 6.

Parking issues?

If you had trouble finding a parking spot due to the lot across Bolivar Street being closed for an upgrade, you might try to find spots in the following places: on the southwest side of the church is additional church parking that can be accessed from the alley that runs between McKinney St. and Oak St.; on the northeast corner of McKinney and Bolivar streets is the Daybreak parking lot; and the Frontier parking lot across Oak St. from the church (they do not officially allow parking, but they have not towed cars on Sunday morning). As always, if mobility comes easily to you, please park further away and walk so that those for whom mobility is an issue can find spots closer to the church.

Presbyterian Women

Women of St. Andrew and Friends, please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 9! The Denton Association of Christian Women will have a Christmas Carol Sing and Potluck from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at First United Methodist Church, 201 South Locust Street. We will meet in Miller Center where we will share our potluck meal and Mabel Devereaux will lead us in singing carols. For more information, contact Linda Heilig, PW Moderator.

Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, December 5 from 9:30am until 11:00am in the church Parlor. Refreshments will be served by Circle II and Christmas Program by Peggy Capps and friend! We will present an Honorary Life Membership Award and install the new and continuing PW officers for 2018.

Parents' Night Out

Saturday, December 9

Please email Ms. Sue at: toddlerqueen2@gmail.com or call 940-300-9262 for reservations.

Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 10, 10:30am

Join us for our annual "Lessons and Carols" worship service. This classic service tells the story of Christ's birth through scripture readings and traditional carols. There will be selections by the St. Andrew Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir, and the carols will be accompanied by brass. Please tell your friends!

Communion Servers Needed on Christmas Eve

Wanted: Elders and Deacons (active or inactive) to serve communion at the 7:00pm Christmas Eve worship service, Sunday, December 24. Please email or call Mary Jo North at maryjonorth@gmail.com or 512-818-4188 if you can serve.

St. Andrew Scenes Spectacular

The St. Andrew Scenes Spectacular team would like you to be a part of "Our Favorite Things" and we are beginning preparations for our next show in the spring of 2018! We are hoping to welcome new cast members (singers, dancers, and actors), volunteers, and backstage crew members for our annual musical theater performance. Visit us at our table in the Narthex, starting 1/3/2017 for more information and to sign up with your special talent. Please keep an eye out for future announcements.



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DENTON, TEXAS

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 3, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE Sonata in B minor, K. 27 Domenico Scarlatti

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad in the pews.

RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE Susan and Steve Danbom

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 84, vs. 1)

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you, hear us when we call. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 80)

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

*HYMN 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we prefer the settled lives we can control instead of the uncertainty of giving ourselves over to following Christ wherever he might lead us. Time and again, we choose the comfort of what we know, even when it means turning away from the path to which you call us. Too often, we are unable or unwilling to overcome our fears and trust you as we move down new paths. Forgive our timid discipleship, and make us bold as we seek to follow your son, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen (time of silent confession).

DECLARATION OF PARDON

We look to the coming of Christ, who brings us good news.

We look to the coming of Christ, who brings us forgiveness of sins.

CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

(Adapted from Isaiah 64)

The spirit of the Lord God is upon us, because the Lord has anointed us; the Lord has sent us to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn.

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 83, vs. 1)

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Lilly Glasschroeder

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1: 26-38 New Testament, page 53
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Sleepers Wake, A Voice Is Calling (Saint Paul) Mendelssohn

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES
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 Matthew 1: 18-26 New Testament, page 1
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Night Visits* Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 101 No Wind at the Window COLUMCILLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Confession of 1967)*
Out of Israel God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal, page 35

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY Sleepers Awake, A Voice Is Calling J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH
Hymn 607

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SEALING OF GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 347 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence PICARDY

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...come toward us and initiated your love and covenant. **(People sing Hymn 91** *Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel. Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.*)

When we turned from you...returns to your people to save them. **(People sing Hymn 91** *Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel. Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.*)

You are holy, O God of majesty, ... await the day of his coming. **(People sing Hymn 91** *Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel. Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.*)

We give thanks that your Holy Spirit... body of Christ in the world. **(People sing Hymn 91** *Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel. Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.*)

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Let us keep the feast!

TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 92 While We Are Waiting, Come WAITING (CASON)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Basse et dessus de Trompette Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Bold Text indicates congregational participation.

An asterisk (*) indicates those who are able may stand.

This year, our Advent candle lighting will look different but express the same meaning. We light the candles each week and gradually light increases during Advent coming to a radiant brightness on Christmas Eve. As the body of Christ, we embody the light of Christ and each week this light will be carried forward from members of the congregation. The increasing bright light both flows from Christ and back to him as we wait for the One who has already come.

Reagan VanAtta is serving as acolyte this morning.

Market for Mission Fellowship Hall, 9am-10:30am

Join us in Fellowship Hall today for the annual Market for Mission, sponsored by the St. Andrew Mission Committee. There will be SERRV crafts with gifts costing \$25 and under, including Christmas decorations and nativity sets. Made by artisans from around the globe. SERRV enables them to receive fair market prices for their hard work, helping to reduce poverty in developing countries. Church groups as well as St. Andrew mission partners will also be represented. A continental breakfast will be served starting at 9 a.m.

Advent Music and Flowers

Today is the final day to honor or remember family and friends by donating to the Christmas Music and Flower campaign. Forms for you to fill out and a folder for your donation are available in the church office.

The names of those honored and remembered will be listed in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin.

Blue Christmas

A "blue" Christmas service will be held on Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. This service acknowledges that for some the holiday season brings ambivalence -- joy and excitement, but also sadness as we are reminded of our brokenness and loss. As we gather in the Sanctuary, there will be a time of reflection and prayer for those who want to step away from the hustle and bustle of their December activities. Stephen Ministers will be available during the service for prayer time with any who desire.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY

9:00 a.m. Market for Mission, Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Monday, December 4

10:00 a.m. Prayer Ministry, Parlor
6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap,
Denton County Brewing Co
7:00 p.m. New Officer Training, Room 206/208

Tuesday, December 5

9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women, Parlor
5:00 p.m. Outreach Committee, Room 208
6:00 p.m. Mission Committee, Room 206/208

Wednesday, December 6

6:00 p.m. Youth, The Den
6:15 p.m. SMART Committee, Room 200
6:30 p.m. Blue Christmas, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 7

8:00 a.m. Men's Study Group, Upper Park Cafe

Saturday, December 9

4:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out, Rec Center

By the Numbers: As of 11/1/17

Income (pledges + other income)	\$718,825
Expenses	\$763,250
Shortfall	\$ - (44,425)

Attendance 11/26/17 207

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