



LITURGY

SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

Love God. Make Disciples. Serve Yakima.

WELCOME

Welcome to Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church. We are a new church in Yakima and we are glad you found us. Our hope here at Saint Andrew's is that you meet Jesus. Meeting Jesus has changed our lives, and we believe it will change yours too. Whether the idea of church is strangely foreign or old-hat familiar to you, feel free to pull up a chair and learn what it means to live life in community with Jesus.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

This bulletin will be your guide through our worship service.

Children: We don't have a separate program for children during our worship services. However, we love children and understand that they aren't always able to sit quietly throughout a service, this is OK! We understand and do not mind their noises because we see our children as part of our church. We do have some clipboard and crayons available at the welcome desk that they are welcome to use if you would like.
Mothers: We have a nursing mom's room to side of the foyer for those who need it.

GIVE US SEVEN

Being new to a church is never easy. Aside from not knowing people, there are songs and customs that seem foreign. C.S. Lewis calls a church's liturgy a dance. Whenever you are learning a new dance it takes time to learn it before it becomes natural. We feel the same and ask that you would give us 7 worship services to let our liturgy and way of approaching God grow on you. We would love to meet you, please stick around and say hello!

NEW TO SAINT ANDREW'S?

We would love to connect with you. Simply scan the QR code to fill out our visitor information form online.



ADVENT

Purple is the color displayed during Advent and Lent. It symbolizes longing, waiting and preparation. During this season as we remember Christ's first coming, we are reminded to look forward in anticipation and hope to His second coming, when, "we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet" 1 Cor. 15:51-52



CREATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord!

All: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

Leader: The mighty One has done great things for us!

All: Holy is God's name

Leader: Let us worship God.

**All: For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
from generation to generation God gives mercy.**

Based on Luke 1:46-50

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Stir up your power, O Lord and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

JOY TO THE WORLD



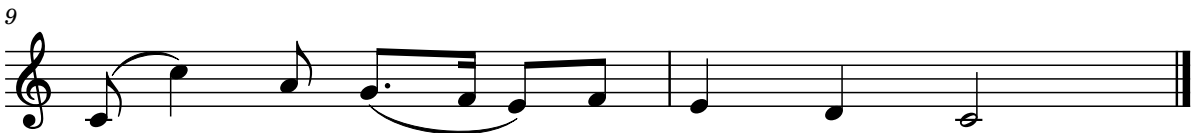
1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions



King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room, and
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re -
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far -
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness and



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



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

Words: Based on Psalm 98, Isaac Watts, 1719;
 Music: G.F. Handel, 1742; Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1836



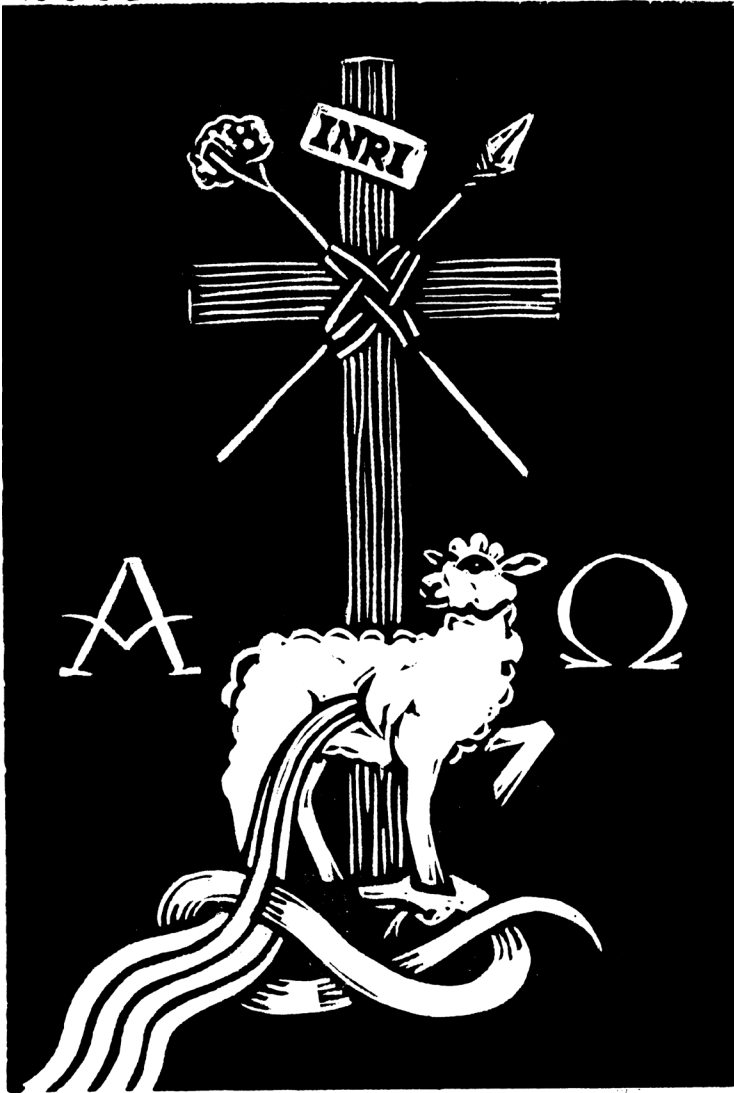
FALL

CORPORATE CONFESSION

**A: Lord, we have not kept watch for You.
We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.
We have not honored Your will for us.
We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us.
Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness, obedience, and love.
Help us to walk in Your will.
Help us to look out for the needs of others.
Help us to work and watch for Your coming. Amen.**

adapted from Isaiah 1:2, 16-20

Silent confession



REDEMPTION

COMFORTABLE WORDS

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:4-6

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you

A: **And also with you!**

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE



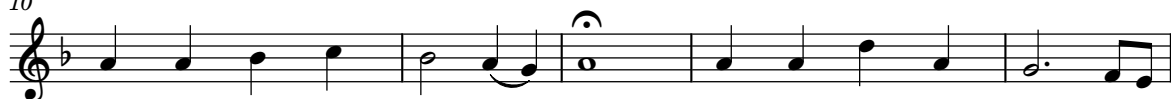
1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

5



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

10



for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to earth de -
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to all the
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of hell may
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

15



scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

*Words: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent., Adapted by Gerard Moultrie, 1864;
 Music: French Melody, 17th cent., Arr.: Vaughan Williams, 1905*

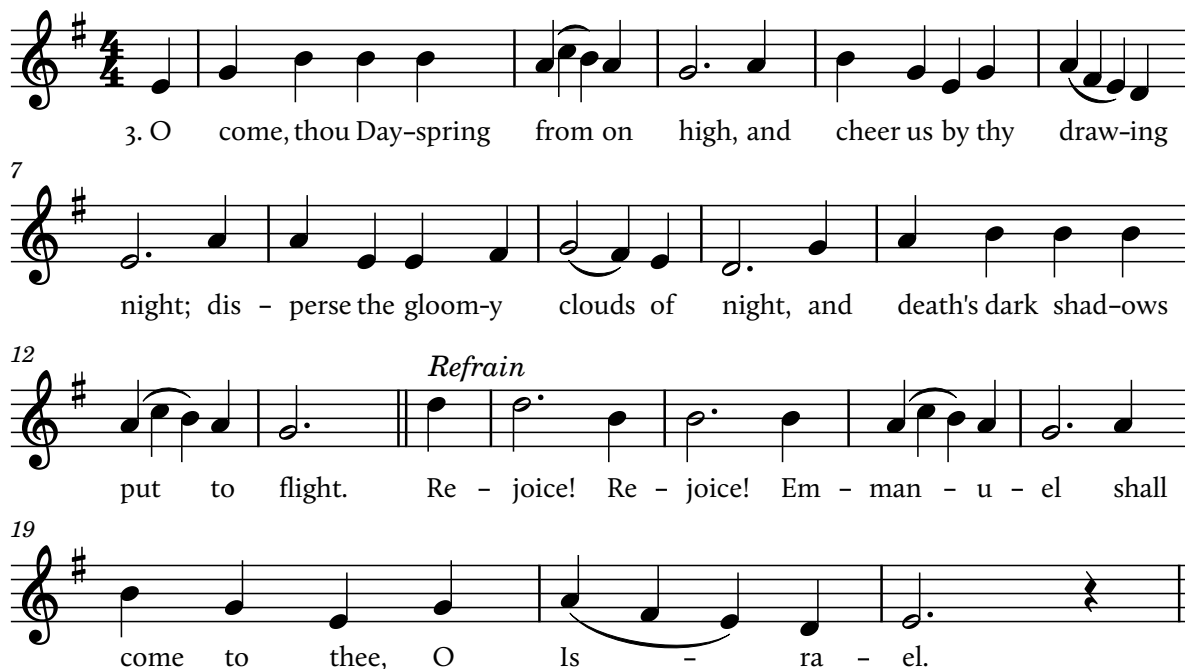
ADVENT READING

- 1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- 2 He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
- 3 a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- 4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
- 5 Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- 6 “I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
- 7 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- 8 I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.
- 9 Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

Isaiah 42:1-9

- L: Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.
A: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

O COME O COME EMMANUEL



3. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy draw-ing

7
night; dis - perse the gloom-y clouds of night, and death's dark shad-ows

12 *Refrain*
put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall

19
come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Words: Latin antiphones, 12th cent.; hymn, 1710; Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1961
Music: Plainsong, 13th cent.; Arr. by Thomas Helmore, 1856

SERMON

Pastor Craig Harris

22 After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. 23 John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized 24 (for John had not yet been put in prison).

25 Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. 26 And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." 27 John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. 28 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' 29 The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. 30 He must increase, but I must decrease."

John 3:22-30

L: The grass withers and the flowers fade

A: **But the Word of our God will stand forever.**

NICENE CREED

A: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

GIVING

You can give through our website at saintandrewsyakima.org/give, or in person with the box at our greeter table.

PRAYER

**A: 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.**

PEACE, PEACE

Peace, peace, peace on earth and good will to all! This is a

The first line of music is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. It contains eight measures of music with lyrics underneath.

9

time for joy; this is a time for love. Now let us

The second line of music starts at measure 9 and continues for eight measures. It maintains the same key signature and time signature as the first line.

17

all sing to - geth - er of peace, peace, peace on earth

The third line of music starts at measure 17 and continues for eight measures, ending with a double bar line. It maintains the same key signature and time signature.

Words & music Rick and Silvia Powell



CONSUMMATION

EUCCHARIST

- L: The Lord be with you
A: **and also with you.**
L: Lift up your hearts.
A: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
A: **It is right to give thanks
and praise.** *Sursum Corda*
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- L: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we
proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
A: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
L: Great is the mystery of Faith:
A: **Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

BENEDICTION

- L: May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace. *based on Numbers 6:24-25*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve at Saint Andrew's- Dec. 24th 5-6PM

Make plans to join us Christmas Eve as we gather to celebrate the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Often times around the holidays people who would normally not be interested in church, are more willing to give it a try. We have Christmas Eve invite cards (available in the foyer). We encourage you to take a few and give them to friends, coworkers, and neighbors who you might think would be interested in joining us this Christmas Eve!

Epiphany Party! Jan. 6th

Make plans to attend our Epiphany Party on Jan. 6th at the Hayter's Home. The Christmas season ends with Epiphany. Epiphany is the day where we celebrate the wise men coming to greet Jesus. What makes this occasion so stunning is that the wisemen are not Jewish, and yet they are coming to acknowledge the King. This is the fulfillment of prophecies that the light was coming to the gentiles. So we celebrate epiphany by celebrating the light that has finally come and is shining around the world. One way we will celebrate this as a church each year is by burning our Christmas trees. Yep, you read that right. Save your trees and bring them for a big bonfire. We will read scripture, sing a song and celebrate the light that has come into the world.

When: January 6th, come anytime after 3pm, trees will be burned when it gets dark so be sure to be there by then!

Where: The Hayter's (It is a ways out there so plan accordingly!)
4031 Stephenson Rd. Harrah, WA 98933

What to Bring: Your old Christmas tree, warm clothes, appetizer/snack

2024 Men's Reading Group:

Starting in January, we will be going through John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. This is a seminal work of theology for our particular theological tradition. We will meet at 6am on Wednesday mornings and will take a large portion of the year to read through. If you are interested, please let David know.

Home Groups

We hope you will consider joining a Home Group to experience rich Christian fellowship in the context of a meal, the Word, and prayer. Home Groups meet every other week throughout the school year. Sign up in the foyer.

Church Center

Connect with Saint Andrew's on Church Center to stay connected during the week. Sign Up at standrewsyakima.churchcenter.com

Mark Your Calendars:

12/24 - Christmas Eve Services- 10AM & 5PM

1/6- Epiphany Party 3PM

1/20- Work Day to clear out future Nursery/Nursing Mom's Room 9AM-12PM

1/21- Annual Members Meeting



COVER ART:

The Shepherd King, Pete Williamson 2021

The symbol on the cover represents Christ, our Shepherd-King, ruling and guiding all things, by the work of the cross, for our good and His glory. This symbol combines 3 traditional symbols used in Christian history. 1. The orb-cross represents Christ ruling the world through the cross. 2. The staurogram, ancient shorthand for the words “cross” and “crucify” in Greek, focus our attention to the necessity of Christ’s cross for our redemption. 3. The shepherd’s crook reminds us that Christ is not an authoritarian ruler, but a King who lays down his own life to shepherd his people through green pastures and by still waters.



LITURGICAL ART:

Creation, Fall, Redemption, Consummation; Liturgical Symbols, Ned Bustard, 2022

Our worship service follows the rhythms and narrative of Scripture, divided into 4 main sections. 1. *Creation*: We recognize God as almighty, holy, and glorious, who speaks and by the power of His word creates all things good. He is far above and beyond us. Therefore we worship, praise and glorify Him. 2. *Fall*: Humanity, through Adam and Eve, sinned against the holy God through their rebellious disobedience. We, being born in their likeness, confess our sins, idolatries, and forgetfulness of God in hope, knowing all is forgiven in the finished work of Christ. 3. *Redemption*: In the person of Jesus Christ, God who is far above all creation, becomes incarnationally bound to it. In response to our confession of sins, Christ beckons us to see that His being lifted up on the cross and rising from the grave pardons, forgives, heals, and restores all things. 4. *Consummation*: When we come to the eucharist table we look forward to the marriage supper of the lamb. In a very real sense heaven is most present among us as we break bread and drink wine together, anticipating the day when all things are perfected in Christ. Being reminded of this, we are sent out to introduce people to Jesus and invite the world into this same rhythm of worship.

