



LITURGY

SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

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!



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: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth
and bring my promised salvation to Israel.

All: The Lord is our righteousness.

Leader: The days are surely coming, says our God,
when justice and mercy will be executed
throughout the land.

All: The Lord is our righteousness.

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when my promised one will teach transgressors my ways,
and heal the world with love and mercy.

All: The Lord is our righteousness.

Adapted from Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; 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 the sound - ing joy.
 as, far as the 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



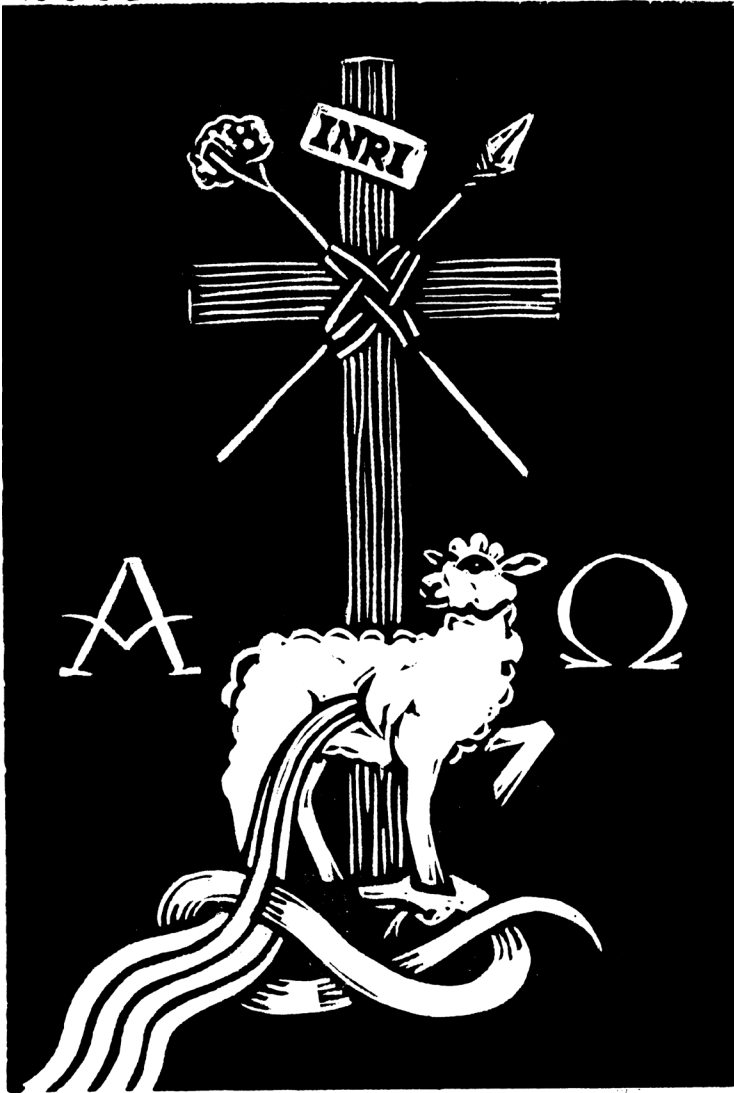
FALL

CORPORATE CONFESSION

**A: Almighty God,
you who shaped out of nothing all that is,
forgive us for returning empty-handed.
You who called forth light,
forgive our preference for the dark!
You who sent John to be a voice crying,
forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all!
Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

adapted from 1 John 1:5-10

Silent confession



REDEMPTION

COMFORTABLE WORDS

2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." 5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Revelation 21:2-5

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you
A: **And also with you!**

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS COME



1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, show your - self, the
 2. Not by hu - man po - wer or seed did the wo - man's
 3. Mar - y then was found with child, still a vir - gin,
 4. Christ laid down his maj - es - ty, passed through dark Geth -
 5. Christ in glo - ry in - ter - cede for your crea - ture's
 6. Praise to you, O Lord, we sing. Praise to Christ, our

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vir - gins son. Mar - vel, heav - en, won - der earth,
 womb con - ceive; on - ly by the Spir - it's breath
 chaste and mild. God had fa - vored her with grace
 sem - a - ne. Though he left his Fa - ther's home,
 suf - f'ring need. Let your re - sur - rec - ting pow'r
 new - born King! With the Fa - ther, Spi - rit, one,

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that our God chose such a _____ birth.
 was the Word of God made _____ flesh.
 to re - ceive the Prince of _____ Peace.
 Christ now sits on God's own _____ throne.
 soon com - plete the vic - t'ry _____ hour.
 let your last - ing king - dom _____ come.

*Words: Ambrose, 4th. & Martin Luther, 1523 ; Tr.: Calvin Seervelg, 1984;
 Music: Enchiridia, Erfut, 1524 arr. Bruce Benedict*

ADVENT READING

47 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. 2 Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

3 Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. 4 Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep. 5 Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. 6 And he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?"

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. 7 As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. 8 And he said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. 9 And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. 10 Fishermen will stand beside the sea. From Engedi to Eneglaim it will be a place for the spreading of nets. Its fish will be of very many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. 11 But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. 12 And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing."

Ezekiel 47:1-12


L: Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

A: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

ADVENT PRAYER

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL



4. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our heav'n - ly

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home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to

12 *Refrain*
mis - er - y. Re - jice! Re - jice! 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

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25

L: The grass withers and the flowers fade

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

APOSTLES CREED

**A: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into the grave;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body
And the life everlasting. 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.**

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE



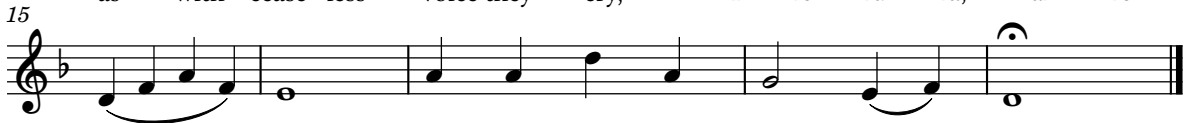
Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
5 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with



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 -



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.
15 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*



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 Services

Join us for our Christmas Eve (5pm) and Christmas Morning (10am) services as we celebrate together the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who is God with us.

Men's Upcoming Book Study

Men of Saint Andrew's, if you are interested in beginning a lunchtime book study (1-2 times per month) going through *Habits of the Household* by Justin Earley in the new year, please reach out to David Jamison (david.jamison@saintandrewsyakima.org).

Women's Midwinter Bible Study

This mid-winter, the women of St Andy's are invited to join in for a 6 week Bible study on 28 women in Scripture and how God worked in and through their lives. This study will be on Monday nights from 6:30-8pm at Bernadine Bracewell's home (309 N 37th Ave), beginning on January 23rd. You can purchase your copy of the Daughters of Grace study from the Daily Grace Co. website. Please plan to have the first week's homework completed for our 1st session.

Home Groups

One of the best ways to connect at Saint Andrew's is to join a mid week Home Group where we share a meal and prayer in homes. If you are interested in joining a Home Group please email Pastor Craig at Craig.harris@saintandrewsyakima.org

Church Center

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

Other Upcoming Dates:

12/24 **Christmas Eve Service**

12/25 **Christmas Day Service**

1/8 **Epiphany Party @ Hayters**

1/29 **Annual Member's Meeting/Officer Nominations- 5:30pm**



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.

