

LITURGY

SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 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!



CHRISTMASTIDE

White is the color displayed at Christmastide. In this season we celebrate salvation and the light of Christ coming to the Gentiles and the incarnation of our Lord and Savior.



CREATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:	The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light	
All:	Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has a	
	light shone.	
Leader:	For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given	
All:	And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty	
	God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace	

Isaiah 9:2,6

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL



Words & Music: John Francis Wade, 1751



FALL

CORPORATE CONFESSION

A: O God, in the beginning you spoke, and creation was born, the object of your loving care. In the fullness of time you spoke, and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love. We wonder at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation. Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith, empty of hope, lacking in love. Forgive our doubt and renew in us all fine desires, that we may hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

Silent confession



REDEMPTION

COMFORTABLE WORDS

9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING



Words: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

OLD TESTAMENT READING

I But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

- 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.
- 3 You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
- 4 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

- 5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.
- 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. *Isaiah 9:I-7*

L: This is the word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be to him a father,

and he shall be to me a son"?

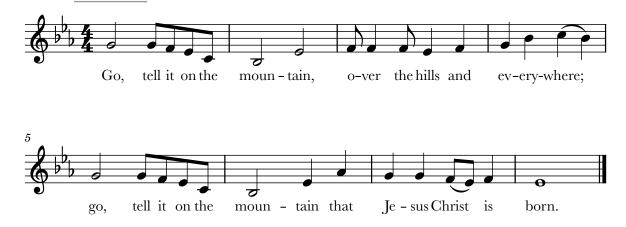
6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

7 Of the angels he says,"He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire."		
8 But of the Son he says,		
"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,		
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.		
9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;		
therefore God, your God, has anointed you		
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."		
IO And,		
"You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;		
11 they will perish, but you remain;		
they will all wear out like a garment,		
12 like a robe you will roll them up,		
like a garment they will be changed.		
But you are the same,		
and your years will have no end."		

Hebrews 1:1-12

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GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN



SERMON

Pastor Craig Harris

I In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth *John I:I-5, I4*

- L: The grass withers and the flowers fade
- A: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

NOTES

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.

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH



Words & Music: Traditional French Carol



CONSUMMATION

EUCHARIST

- 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
- 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

Epiphany Party

The end of 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. 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. **The Details:**

When: come anytime after 3pm, trees will be burned at 4:30

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

your kids might want a flashlight to run around with outside.

Men's Upcoming Book Study

Men of Saint Andrew's, if you are interested in beginning a lunchtime book study (I-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 Daugthers 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

Other Upcoming Dates:

- 1/8 Epiphany Party @ Hayters
- 1/14 Baby Shower for Lauren Jamison, 11am
- 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. I. 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. *I. 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 lesus and invite the world into this same rhythm of worship.





