



# LITURGY

SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 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.



### 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

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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

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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

# ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing  
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the

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o'er the plains, and the moun - tains in re - ply  
strains pro - long? Say what may the tid - ings be,  
an - gels sing; come, a - dore on bend - ed knee

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ech - o back their joy - ous strains. Glo -  
which in - spire your hea'vn - ly song?  
Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

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*Words & Music: Traditional French Carol*



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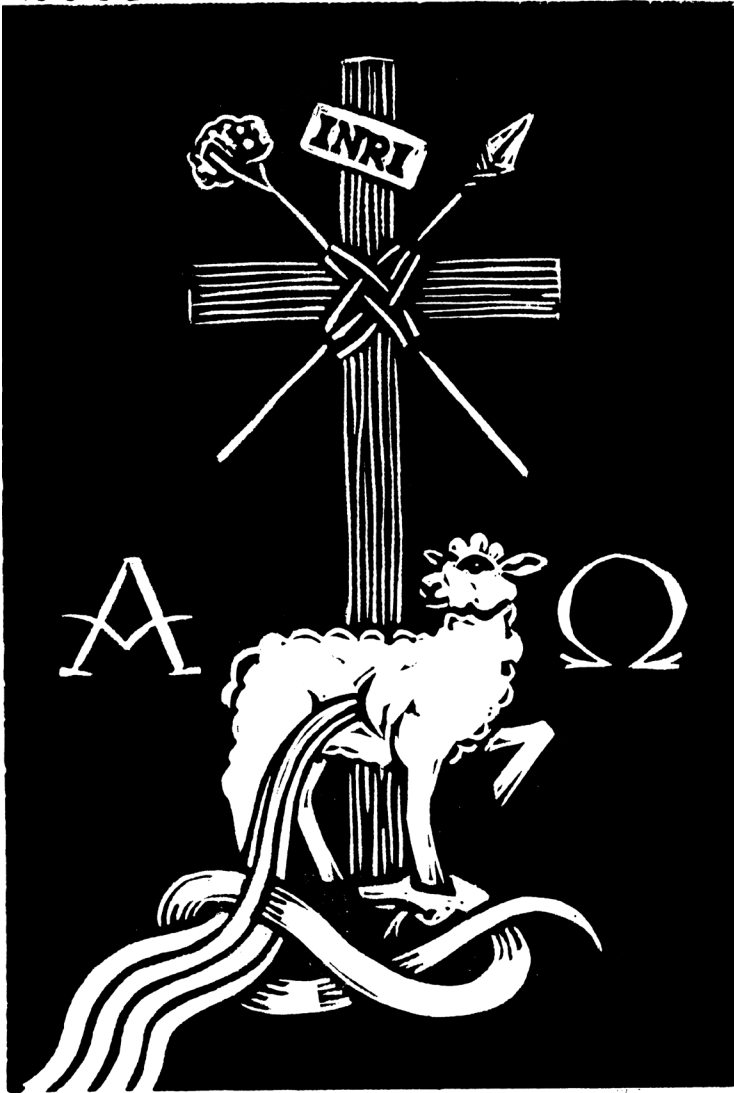
## CORPORATE CONFESSION

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**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

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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. 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

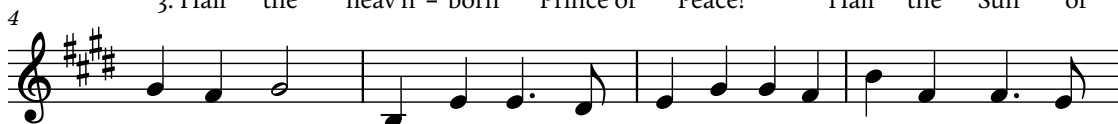
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L: The peace of Christ be with you  
A: **And also with you!**

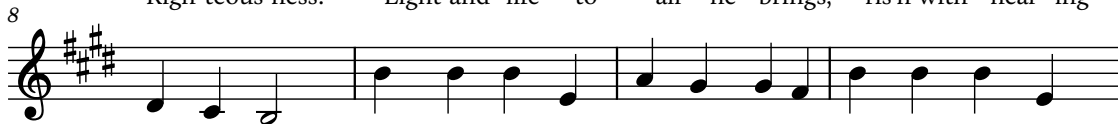
# HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -  
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



new-born King; peace on earth, and mer-cy mild, God and sin - ners  
 last - ing Lord! Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the  
 Righ-teous-ness! Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing



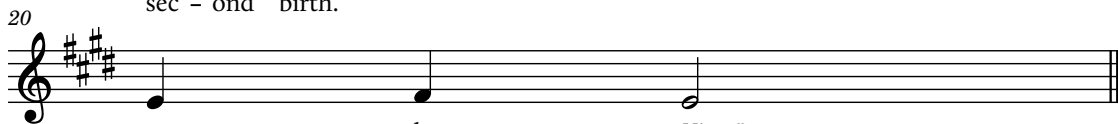
rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph  
 Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'in-car - nate  
 in his wings. Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no



of the skies; with th'an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in  
 De - i - ty, pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em -  
 more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them



Beth-le - hem!" Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo-ry to the  
 man - u - el.  
 sec - ond birth.



new - born King."

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

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- 7 For thus says the Lord:  
“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
‘O Lord, save your people,  
the remnant of Israel.’
- 8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.
- 9 With weeping they shall come,  
and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,  
I will make them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,  
for I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.
- 10 “Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
- say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’
- 11 For the Lord has ransomed Jacob  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
- 12 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall be like a watered garden,  
and they shall languish no more.
- 13 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy;  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
- 14 I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness,  
declares the Lord.”

*Jeremiah 31:7-14*

L: This is the Word of the Lord  
A: **Thanks be to God.**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

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3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his

purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

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## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

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heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry; Ho - san-na in the high-est!

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Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est!

*Words: Sanctus; Music: Karl Digerness, 2012*

# SERMON

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*Mr. Riker Koempel*

22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

29 “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;  
30 for my eyes have seen your salvation  
31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

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3 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”  
36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, 37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

*Luke 2:22-40*

L: The grass withers and the flowers fade

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



## APOSTLES CREED

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**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

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You can give through our website at [saintandrewsyakima.org/give](http://saintandrewsyakima.org/give),  
or in person with the box at our greeter table.

## PRAYER

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**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.**

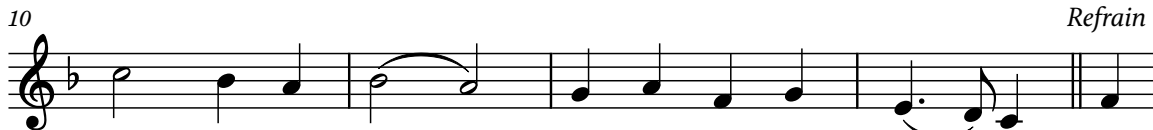
# O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri -  
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul -  
3. Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this hap - py



um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
ta - tion, sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove;  
morn - ing: Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;



come and be - hold him born the King of an - gels; O  
glo - ry to God glo - ry in the high - est;  
Word of the Fa - ther, late in flesh ap - pear - ing;



come, let us a - dore him, O come let us a - dore him, O



come, let us a - dore him Christ the Lord.

Words & Music: John Francis Wade, 1751



CONSUMMATION

## EUCCHARIST

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- 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

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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

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- 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

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## **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

## **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](http://standrewsyakima.churchcenter.com)

## **Mark Your Calendars:**

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

**1/6- Epiphany Party 3PM**

**1/17- Men's Book Study 6AM, Catalyst Coffee**

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

**1/21- Annual Member's Meeting 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.

