

# LITURGY

### SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 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?**

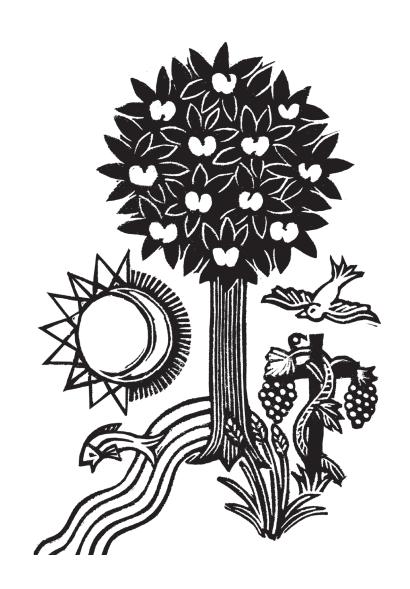
We would love to connect with you. Simply scan the QR code to fill out our visitor information form online.





### 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" I Cor. 15:51-52



CREATION

# CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: 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!

All: Restore us, O God;

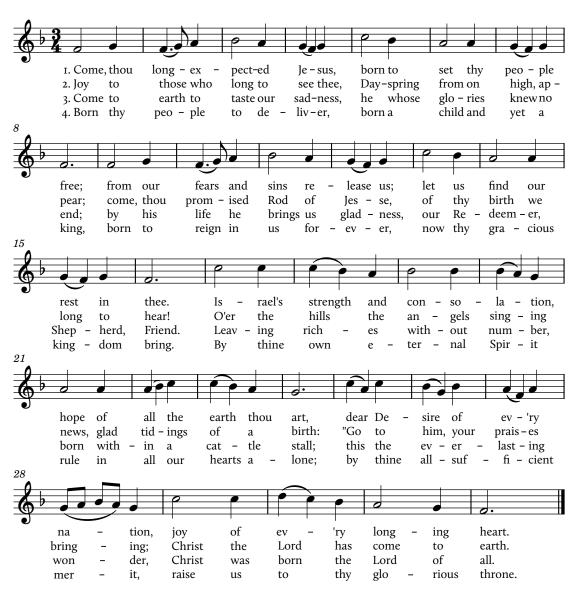
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Psalm 80:1-3

# PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

# COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS



Words: St. 1, 4, Charles Wesley, 1744; St. 2-3, Mark E. Hunt, 1978 Music: Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855



FALL

# CORPORATE CONFESSION

A: Lord, we confess that have not kept watch for you.

We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.

And have forgotten you.

We have not noticed the needs of the people around us.

We have not walked humbly with you.

We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us.

Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness.

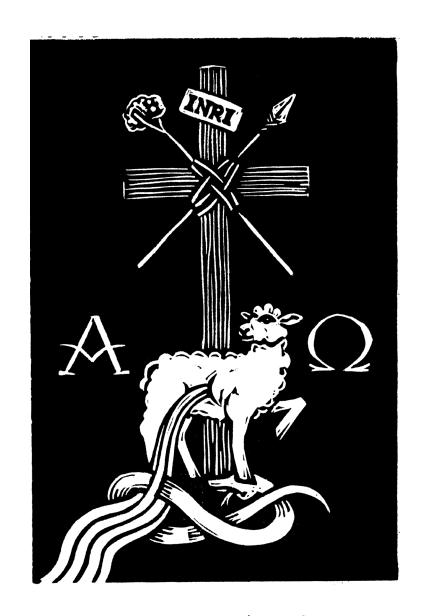
Help us to wait to know your will.

Help us to look out for the needs of others.

Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.

adapted from Micah 6:8

Silent confession



REDEMPTION

# COMFORTABLE WORDS

14 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' *Jeremiah 33:14-16* 

# PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you

A: And also with you!

# DAWNING LIGHT OF OUR SALVATION



### ADVENT READING

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

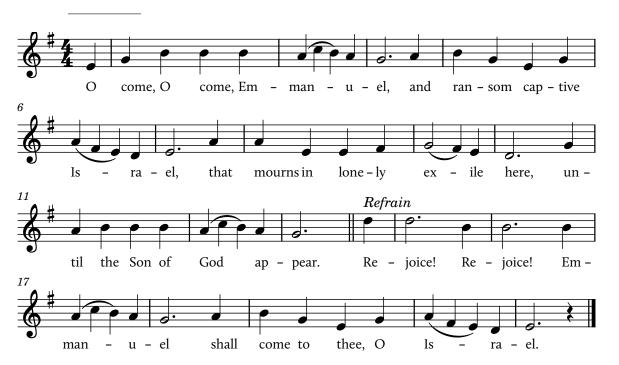
34 And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

35 And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. 36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:26-38

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

# O COME O COME EMMANUEL



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

19 The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth 2 and said, "My lords, please turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way." They said, "No; we will spend the night in the town square." 3 But he pressed them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house. And he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house. 5 And they called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them." 6 Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, 7 and said, "I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. 8 Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof." 9 But they said, "Stand back!" And they said, "This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them." Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down. 10 But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. 11 And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door.

12 Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place. 13 For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the Lord, and the Lord has sent us to destroy it." 14 So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, "Up! Get out of this place, for the Lord is about to destroy the city." But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

15 As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city." 16 But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. 17 And as they brought them out, one said, "Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away." 18 And Lot said to them, "Oh, no, my lords. 19 Behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life. But I cannot escape to the hills, lest the disaster overtake me and I die.

Genesis 19:1-19

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

# **NOTES**

### 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.

# O COME, MESSIAH, COME









Words & Music: Isaac Wardell, Mason Neely, Alex Foote



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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Men's Advent Party- Dec 8th

Men and sons invited! We will eat smoked sausages and wings, enjoy a short devotional about Advent from Pete Williamson and fellowship around a fire.

Date: Dec. 8th Time: 7-9PM

Location: Craig's (9403 Tieton Drive)

### Christmas Cookie Playdate- Dec 5th

Join us for a morning of cookie decorating and play at the Harris's (9403 Tieton Drive) from 9:30-II:30AM on Dec. 5th!

## Immanuel Classical School Christmas Concert- Dec. 7th

All are invited to attend the school's Christmas Concert on Dec. 7th beginning at 6:30PM in the sanctuary. Join us for this festive evening!

# 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. If you know of someone who may not have a place to worship for Christmas, invite them to join us for this special service.

# **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:**

12/5- Christmas Cookie Playdate 9:30-11:30am (Harris's)

12/7- ICS Christmas Concert 6:30PM

12/8- Men's Advent Party 7-9pm (Harris's)

12/12- Last Mom's Group of 2023- 9:30-11:30am (Shoemaker's)

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



### **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 Jesus and invite the world into this same rhythm of worship.



