

LITURGY

SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 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" *I Cor. 15:51-52*



CREATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:	Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.	
All:	Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.	
	Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;	
	righteousness and peace kiss each other.	
Leader:	Faithfulness springs up from the ground,	
	and righteousness looks down from the sky.	
	Yes, the Lord will give what is good,	
	and our land will yield its increase.	
	Righteousness will go before him	
	and make his footsteps a way.	
All:	Come, let us worship the Lord,	
	that we may be lead in the paths of Righteousness.	
	Based on Psalm 85:1-13	

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, Redeemer; 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: O promised Christ, we are a world at war. Our peace depends on Your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on Your coming. We are an unloving people. Our love depends on Your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing the Father's will is that You should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for Your peace, for Your pardon, for your Your love, for Your justice and for Your grace. Even so: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

adapted from 1 John 4.7-12

Silent confession



REDEMPTION

COMFORTABLE WORDS

- 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- II For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. *Psalm 103:8-12*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

DAWNING LIGHT OF OUR SALVATION



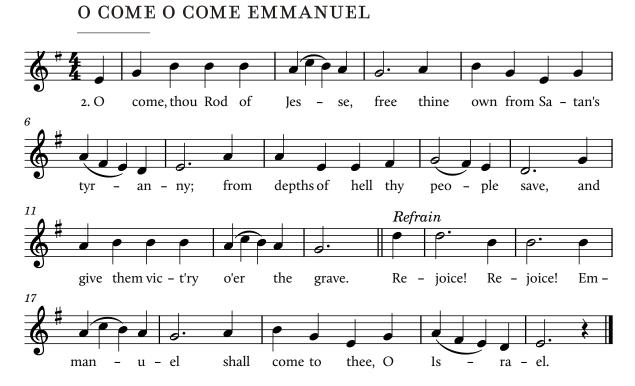
ADVENT READING

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

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 1:17-25

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



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

3 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight.' "

4 Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for 1 tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than 1, whose sandals 1 am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." *Matthew 3:1-12*

- 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.

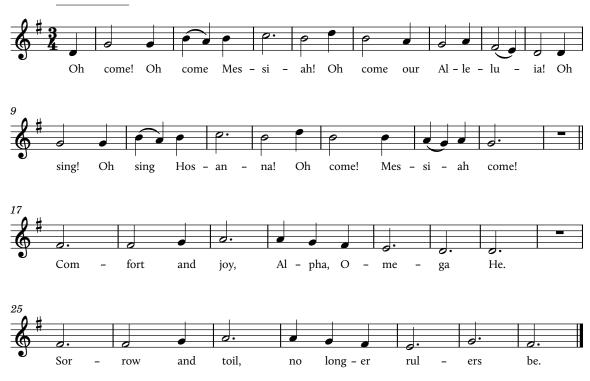
> I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy catholic church, The communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body And the life everlasting. Amen.

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.



LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

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. based on Numbers 6:24-25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Counseling

A lot of times when you find yourself in need, the pastor is the last person you may think of to meet with. I'm sure many of you know you can reach out to me to meet, but often people apologize as if it is a problem to take up my time. So in an effort to make meeting with me more accessible, we have setup an online scheduling tool that you can use to schedule a time to meet. Saintandrewsyakima.org/ meetwiththepastor

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

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:

- 12/9 Monthly Board Game Night
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service
- 1/8 Epiphany Party @ Hayters



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.





