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# CHRISTMAS EVE

ON US A LIGHT HAS SHONE

SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Love God. Make Disciples. Serve Yakima.*



# WELCOME

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Welcome to Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church. This evening's service is adapted from the Service of Lessons and Carols, which was first drawn up by E.W. Benson, later Bishop of Canterbury, for use in the Cathedral at Truro. It was adapted from ancient sources as a Christmas Eve service and was first celebrated on Christmas Eve in 1880. It was later modified for use at King's College in Cambridge, in 1918, by its then Dean, Reverend Eric Milner-White. We have modified it to reflect our congregation.

The service joins scripture texts from the whole breadth of God's word that speak of the coming of the Christ-child, with carols that highlight the themes found in those texts. This service has been and continues to be used with some variation all over the world. The three themes of Advent are evident throughout this service:

The longing for the much-needed Messiah found on the lips of God's people prior to Christ's birth.

The joy at the entrance of God's own son into the world given voice by Christ's church today.

The groaning for the return of the victorious king heard from all creation awaiting its final redemption.

As a people living in the time between the times—a people living both in the reality of the present and with the sure hope of the promised future—we often find these themes fresh on our lips and expressed by the deepest longing of our hearts. Our prayer is that this time will help strengthen your faith, as you find comfort in Christ, our comfort, peace in the Prince of Peace, and victory in the forever-reigning King who will one day return to make all things new.

"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20).

If you want to know more about Saint Andrew's stick around after the service and we would love to meet you. You can also find out more about us at our website: [www.saintandrewsyakima.org](http://www.saintandrewsyakima.org)

Thanks for visiting — we are glad that you are here,

-Pastor Craig Harris

## PRELUDE

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*During the prelude, you are invited to spend a few moments listening to the music, preparing your hearts for this time of worship together.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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Leader: All God's people—  
**Boys and girls, women, men:**  
**All: Come and worship!**  
Leader: Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:  
**All: Come and worship! Come and worship!**  
Leader: All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:  
**All: Come and worship,**  
**come and worship Christ, the newborn King!**

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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Lord, you have brought us through a season of advent to a season of Christmas; a season of sorrow to a season of Joy, a season of famine to a season of bounty, a season of darkness to a season of light; which is made possible through the birth of your only-begotten Son who took our nature upon himself through the incarnation, and was born of a virgin. Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children through adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen

## ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly  
2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and  
3. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -  
4. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en



cat - tle - shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by  
Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble,  
deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle  
stand - ing by, we shall see him, but in heav - en,



in a man - ger for his bed; Mar - y was that  
and his cra - dle was a stall: with the poor, and  
is our Lord in heav'n a - bove, and he leads his  
set at God's right hand on high; when like stars his



moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

*Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848*  
*Music: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849*

## LITANY OF EXPECTATIONS

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L: Let us go even unto Bethlehem  
and see this thing which is come to pass,  
which the Lord hath made known to us.

A: **And His name shall  
be called Wonderful, Counselor,  
the Mighty God,  
the Everlasting Father,  
the Prince of Peace.**

L: Behold I bring you good news of a great joy;  
for to you is born in the city of David,  
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

A: **Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

*Based on Isaiah 9:6, and Luke 2:10,11, 14*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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O Christ, the prophets foretold your coming, the poor longed to see you. The heavens celebrated your birth; the apostles, the martyrs, and the faithful down through the ages repeated the song of the angels. Your church praises you in every human language, for she has seen your salvation. Son of God, you humbled yourself and became a servant, raising us up to share in your glory. We were in darkness and you have given us light and strength, peace and joy. Lead us according to your loving will; make us a people who follow you in holiness. Give us generous hearts to hear your Word, and produce in us abundant fruit, through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

## FIRST READING

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*The Prophet Isaiah Foretells the Coming of the Savior*

13 And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

- 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.
- 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 7:13-14; 9:2, 6-7*

## O COME, O COME EMMANUEL



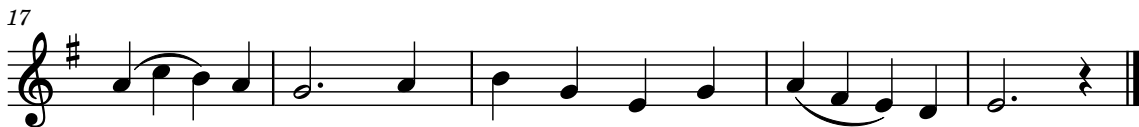
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
3. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
4. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save, and  
 draw - ing night; dis - perse the gloom-y clouds of night, and  
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and



til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
 give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
 close the path to mis - er - y.



man - u - el shall 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*



## LO HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING



1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in
3. This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
4. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung, of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as men of old have  
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er  
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - 'ry -  
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, who dost our weak - ness



sung. It came, a flow'r - et bright, a - mid the cold of  
 kind. To show God's love a - right she bore to men a  
 where. True man, yet ver - y God; from sin and death he  
 know, bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of



win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
 Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
 saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 heav - en and to the end - less day.

*Words: German Hymn, Tr. Theodore Baker, Harriett R. Spaeth, John C. Mattes*  
*Music: German Melody, Arr. Michael Praetorius, 1609*

## SECOND READING

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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.

39 In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, 40 and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 And why is this granted to

me that the mother of my Lord should  
come to me? 44 For behold, when the  
sound of your greeting came to my ears,  
the baby in my womb leaped for joy.  
45 And blessed is she who believed that  
there would be a fulfillment of what  
was spoken to her from the Lord.”

46 And Mary said, “My soul  
magnifies the Lord,  
47 and my spirit rejoices in God  
my Savior,  
48 for he has looked on the  
humble estate of his servant.  
For behold, from now on all  
generations will call me  
blessed;  
49 for he who is mighty has done  
great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
50 And his mercy is for those who  
fear him  
from generation to generation.  
51 He has shown strength with  
his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in

the thoughts of their hearts;  
52 he has brought down the  
mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble  
estate;  
53 he has filled the hungry with  
good things, and the rich he has  
sent away empty.  
54 He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
55 as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring  
forever.”

56 And Mary remained with her about  
three months and returned to her home.

*Luke 1:26-56*

## WHAT CHILD IS THIS?



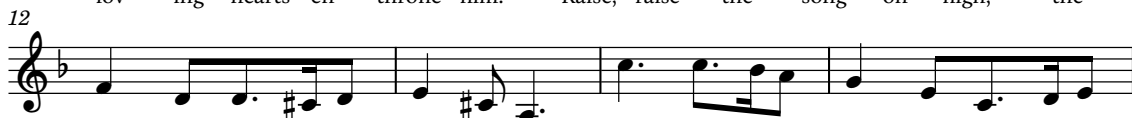
1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is  
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are  
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while  
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the  
 own him; the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the King, whom  
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the  
 lov - ing hearts en - throne him. Raise, raise the song on high, the



shep - herds guard and an - gels sing: haste, haste to bring him laud, the  
 cross be borne for me, for you: hail, hail the Word made flesh, the  
 vir - gin sings her lul - la - by: joy, joy for Christ is born, the



babe, the son of Mar - y.  
 babe, the son of Mar - y.  
 babe, the son of Mar - y.

*Words: Traditional, Adapted by William C. Dix, 1865; Music: Greensleeves, 16th C.*

## THIRD READING

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57 Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. 58 And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. 59 And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, 60 but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." 61 And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." 62 And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. 63 And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. 64 And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. 65 And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, 66 and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him. 67 And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people  
69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,

70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
71 that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;  
72 to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,  
73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us  
74 that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
75 might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.  
76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,  
78 because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high  
79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.  
*Luke 1:57-80*

# O HOLY NIGHT



1. O ho-ly night! the stars are bright-ly shin - ing; It is the night of the dear Sav-ior's  
 2. Led by the light! of faith se-rene - ly beam-ing; With glow-ing hearts by His cra - dle we  
 3. Tru-ly He taught us to love one an - oth - er; His law is love and His gos - pel is



5  
 birth. Long lay the world in sin and er - ror pin - ing, Till He ap -  
 stand. So led by light of a star sweet-ly gleam - ing, Here came the  
 peace. Chains shall He break, for the slave is our broth - er, And in His



9  
 peared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope—the wea-ry world re-joic - es, For  
 Wise Men from O - ri - ent land. The King of kings lay thus in low - ly man-ger, In  
 name all op - pres - sion shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grate-ful cho - rus raise we; Let



13  
 yon-der breaks a new and glo - rious morn! Fall on your knees! O hear the an - gel  
 all our tri - als born to be our Friend. He knows our need— to our weak - ness is no  
 all with-in us praise His ho - ly name. Christ is the Lord! O praise His name for -



18  
 voic-es! O night di - vine, O night when Christ was born! O night, O ho - ly  
 stran-ger. Be - hold your King, be - fore Him low - ly bend! Be - hold your King, be -  
 ev - er! His power and glo - ry ev - er - more pro - claim! His power and glo - ry



25  
 night,  
 fore Him low - ly bend!  
 ev - er - more pro - claim!

*Music: Adolphe Adam, 1847; Words: Placide Cappeau*

## THE FOURTH READING

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1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying

in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with  
whom he is pleased!"

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

21 And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

*Luke 2:1-21*

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.  
All: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**



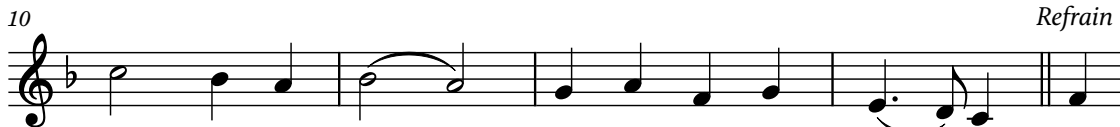
# O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL



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.

# HOMILY

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*Pastor Craig Harris*

- 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 9:2-7*

# CANDLE LIGHTING

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*All Stand for the lighting and passing of the Christ Candle*

L: “For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. “

As Christ has unveiled your eyes to the light of the Gospel, receive now the light of Christ, as symbolized by the lighting of the Christ candle and the spreading of that light to His people.

A: **We receive the light of Christ.**

*based on 2 Corinthians 4:6*

# SILENT NIGHT



1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God,  
 4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won - drous star,



al is bright round yon vir - gin  
 at the sight! Glo - ries stream from  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from  
 lend thy light; with the an - gels



moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so  
 heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing  
 thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re -  
 let us sing al - le - lu - ia



ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace,  
 al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth,  
 to our King; Christ, the Sav - ior is born!



sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 Christ the Sa - vior, is born!  
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
 Christ, the Sav - ior is born!

## BENEDICTION

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L: Jesus is the Word made flesh in our midst.  
May his incarnation fill your hearts with joy and  
peace.

**A: O Lord, give us peace.**

L: Jesus is the promised Savior, born of Mary.  
May his birth among us renew your hope.

**A: O Lord, give us hope.**

L: Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.  
May the gift of his presence bring forth rejoicing.

**A: O Lord, give us joy.**

L: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. Amen.



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disciples, serve Yakima and multiply the church.*

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