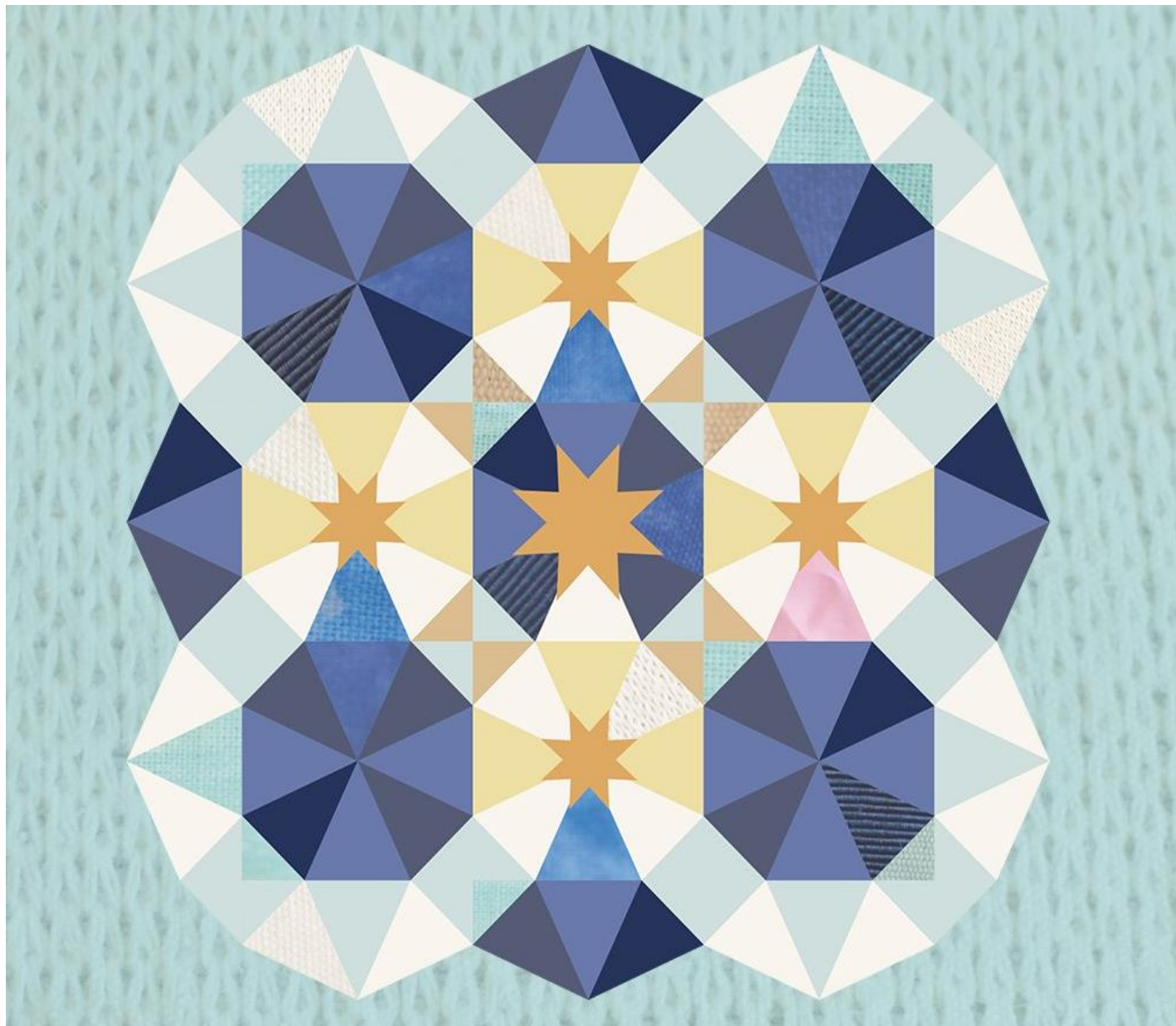


Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



“You are a Blessing!”

December 1st, 2024

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

St. Andrew's Carillon

PRAISE TO GOD

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Isaiah 43:1-4 and Luke 1:26-29)

Pastor: God says,

People: "Do not be afraid."

Pastor: God says,

People: "I have called you by name."

Pastor: God says,

People: "I will be with you."

Pastor: God says,

People: "You are precious and honored in my sight."

Pastor: At the beginning of this season,

People: At the start of this week,

Pastor: At the top of this hour,

People: May we wrap ourselves in these words. May we begin again.

Pastor: Let us worship our Holy God.

*HYMN # 286

"Once in royal David's City" v. 1 – 4

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

Reader: In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again? Where do we start?

People: Let us begin with the good news! Let us begin by trusting that we are a blessing, loved by a gracious God. Let us begin with music and singing! Let us begin with warmth welcome. Let us begin with hope.

Reader: Yes, let us begin with hope. Today we light the candle of hope to shine a light in a worn and weary world.

People: May this be our foundation. May this be our fresh start. May this be our new beginning.

Reader: May hope flow forth from here. Amen! (Light the candle of Hope)

CHILDREN'S TIME – Advent Calendar

DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH *"Jesus Loves Me"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Affirming God, your first words to creation were words of love. You looked at this earth and said, "It is good." You spoke affirmations through the prophets. You spoke blessings over Mary. You spoke belonging through Christ. At every turn, you have reiterated that we are a blessing, made in your image, held in your love. Forgive us for forgetting this truth. Forgive us for measuring our worth by society's measuring stick instead of yours. We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)

Pastor: Family of faith, I don't know the last time someone told you that you are good, just as you are. I don't know the last time you heard that you are loved and created in the image of God. I don't know the last time you trusted those words and truly believed that you are a blessing. However, in case it has been a while, hear these words from Isaiah: God Says,

People: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."

Pastor: We are forgiven. We are loved. Let it leave you awestruck.

People: Thanks be to God! May we believe it. Amen.

***RESPONSE: HYMN # 812**

"Glory Be to the Father"

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Greet each other with the sign of peace)

HYMN # 244

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" v. 1 – 2

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bob Nicholas

SCRIPTURES

Bob Nicholas

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-7

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Reader: This is the WORD of the LORD for His people.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to GOD!

MESSAGE

"You Are A Blessing"

Pastor Linda Graham

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (In Unison)** from Sanctified Art- Words for the Beginning
We believe in a blessing God who calls us Beloved. We believe that this blessing showed up in the life of Mary, and was also bestowed upon the hemorrhaging women, the poor in spirit, the children, the crowds, the Jews, the Gentiles, the faithful and the doubting. So in faith, we trust that God's blessing, like ripples on the water, forever reaches towards us. And with wild hope, we believe that because of this blessing, we are covered in love. We are more than enough. Thanks be to God! Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***RESPONSE HYMN # 815** *"Doxology"*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In-Unison)

Gracious God, in gratitude for all that you have given us, we bring our tithes, offerings, and labor to help feed a world hungry for healing and hope; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN # 430** *"There Shall be Showers of Blessing" v. 1 – 4*

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE St. Andrew's Carillon

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December Advent & Christmas Lectionary

[First Sunday of Advent](#)
Dec 01, 2024

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

[Second Sunday of Advent](#)
Dec 08, 2024

Baruch 5:1-9
or
Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

[Third Sunday of Advent](#)
Dec 15, 2024

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

[Fourth Sunday of Advent](#)
Dec 22, 2024

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:46b-55
or
Psalms 80:1-7

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45,
(46-55)

[Nativity of the Lord - Proper I](#)
Dec 24, 2024
Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid-Day

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalms 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

[Nativity of the Lord - Proper II](#)
Dec 25, 2024
Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid-Day

Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalms 97

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

[Nativity of the Lord - Proper III](#)
Dec 25, 2024
Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid-Day

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalms 98

Hebrews 1:1-4,
(5-12)

John 1:1-14

[First Sunday after Christmas Day](#)
Dec 29, 2024

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalms 148

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52