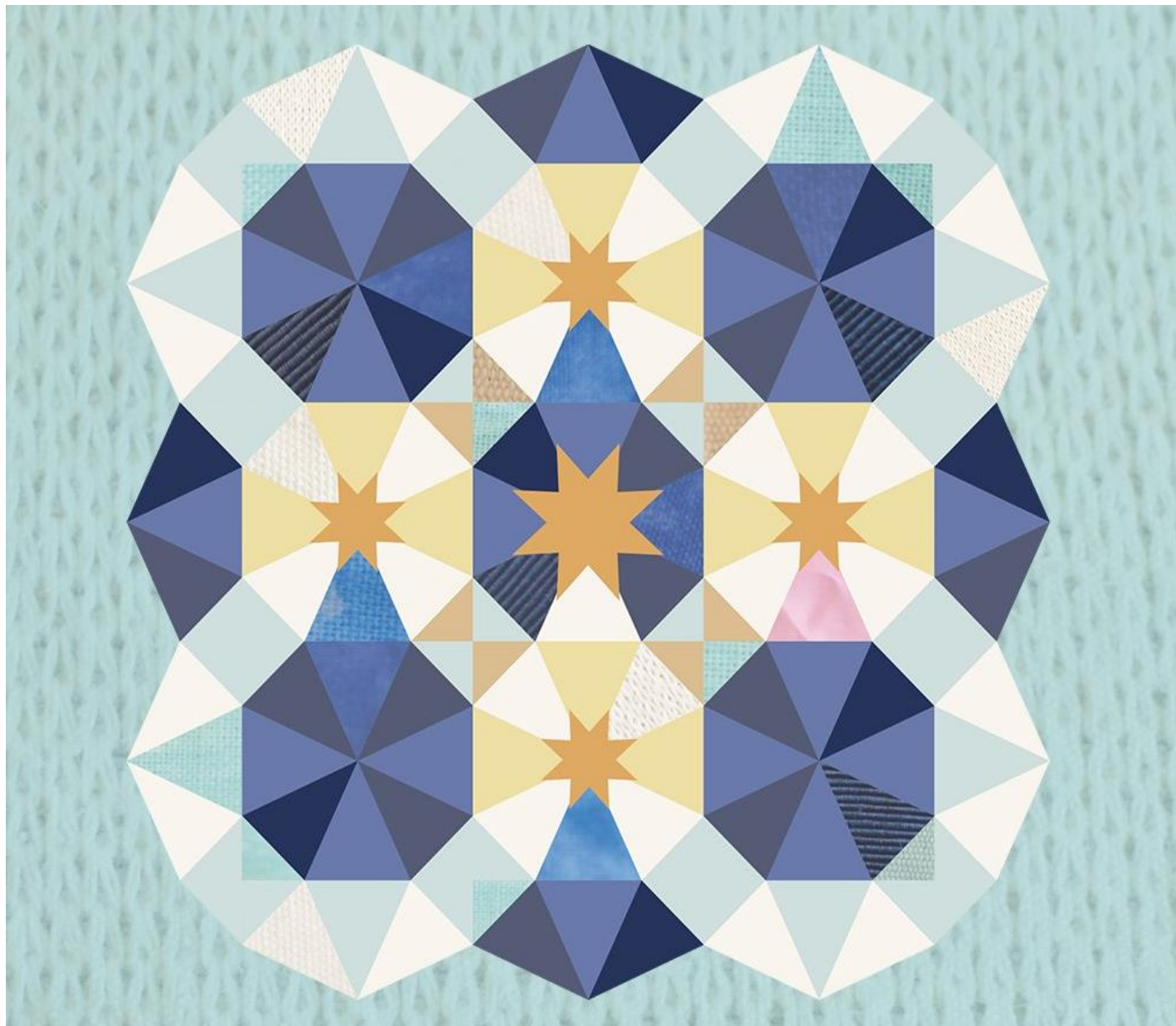


Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



“We Can’t Go Alone”

December 8th, 2024

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SUNDAY SHEPHERD

Judy Bernethy

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

St. Andrew's Carillon

PRAISE TO GOD

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In a world that is lonely,

People: We will save a seat for you.

Pastor: In a world that is anxious,

People: We will light candles against the gloom.

Pastor: In a world that is weary,

People: We will sing songs of Joy and truth.

Pastor: I am not alone.

People: We are not alone.

Pastor: For here in this place, God is weaving us together.

People: Light the candles! Sing with Joy! We are a three-cord strand, not easily broken.

*HYMN # 240

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" v. 1 – 3

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

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

All: Let us begin together. Let us begin arm in arm. Let us begin by holding each other down. Let us begin with words of peace.

Reader: Yes, let us begin with peace. Today we light the candles of hope and peace.

All: May these lights remind us of what could be. May these lights mark a new beginning. May peace flow like a river, and may it start with us.

Reader: Arm in arm, hand in hand, side by side. May we begin again. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)

Pastor: I have tried to make my own way. I have tried to lace my own shoes, to build my own house, to kindle my own faith. I have said a thousand times, “turn back,” as if I am fine on my own. But the days are long, and I am forgetful. I need your help. Can you remind me?

People: We will remind you of this everlasting truth: You are not alone. Where you go, God goes. You are held in grace. Trust in this good news.

Pastor: Thanks be to God! I remember. I believe.

People: Now we need your help. We, too, have tried to make our own way. We have tried to lace our own shoes, to build our own houses, to kindle our own faiths. We have said a thousand times, “turn back,” as if we are fine on our own. But the days are long and we are forgetful. We need your help. Can you remind us?

Pastor: I will remind you of this everlasting truth: You are not alone. Where you go, God goes. You are held in grace. Trust in this good news.

People: Thanks be to God! We remember. We believe. Alleluia! 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 # 245 *“O come, O Come Emmanuel” v. 1 – 4*

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Julianne Princinsky

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading: Ruth 1

Julianne Princinsky & Pastor Linda Graham

Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Julianne Princinsky

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to GOD!

MESSAGE

“We Can’t Go Alone”

Pastor Linda Graham

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (In Unison)** from Sanctified Art- Words for the Beginning
We believe in a with-us God: a God who walks with us in the valley, dances with us on the mountaintop, sings with us through the night and rejoices in the morning. We believe that this with-us God wired us for relationship, saying to creation on the very first week, “Humans should not be alone.” Therefore, in an effort to be who God called us to be, we strive to live like the Trinity—connected, united, and centered. We believe in the power of community. We commit to learning each other’s names. We choose to journey with each other, like Ruth and Naomi. And we remember that no one can go through life alone. Thanks be to God, for lighting our way.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***RESPONSE HYMN # 815**

“Doxology”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In-Unison)

Thanks, be to you O God, maker of heaven and earth, giver of justice, lover of righteousness, hope of the afflicted, and friend of the poor. Your faithfulness never fails. Take and use these gifts we offer to further your purpose in the world and to fulfill the promise of the world to come; through Christ our Lord we pray. 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 # 648**

“Love Divine All Loves Excelling” v. 1 – 4

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

St. Andrew’s Carillon

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December Advent & Christmas Lectionary

[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