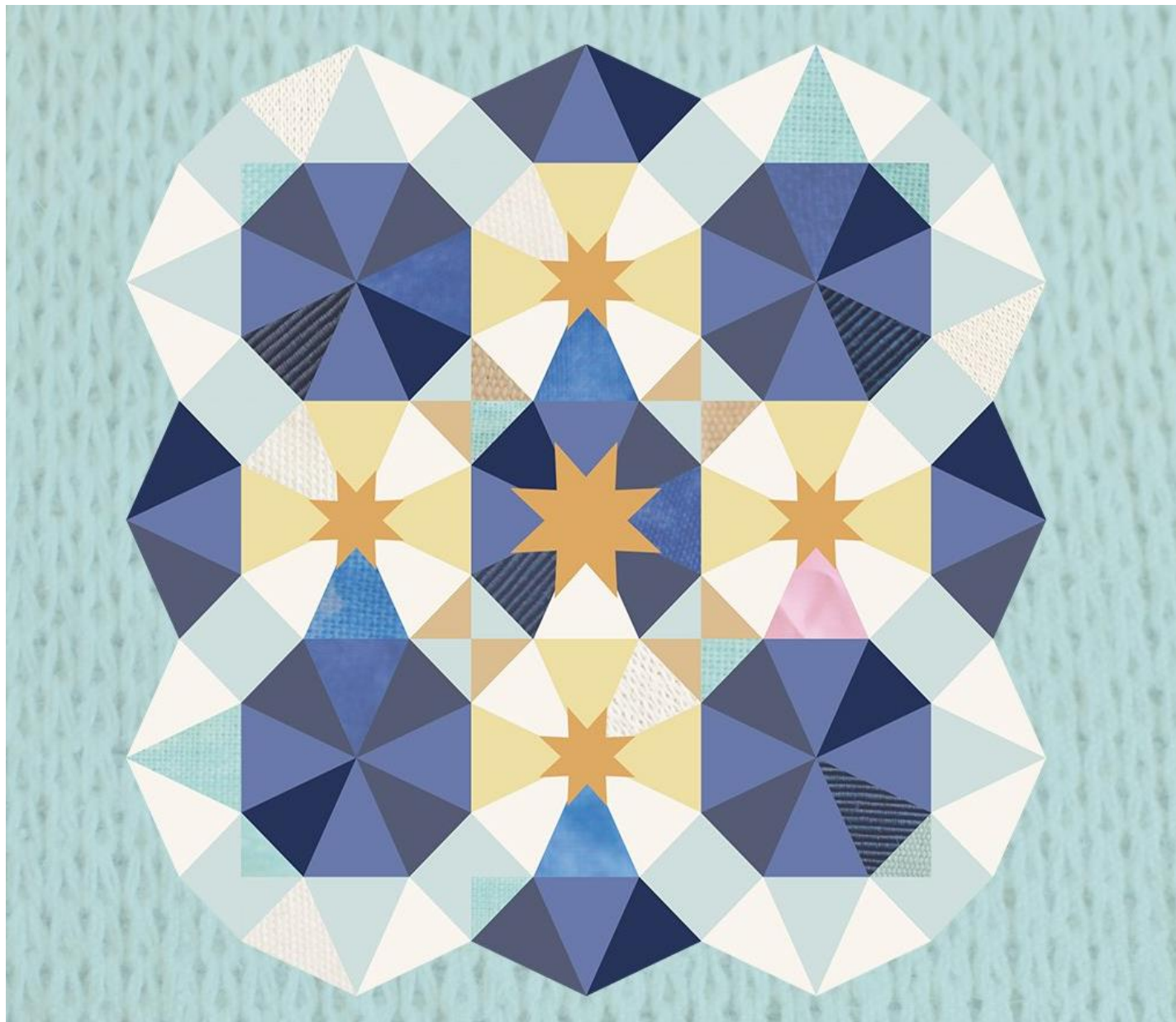


Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



“Love Knows Your Name”

December 24th, 2024

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SUNDAY SHEPHERD

Judy Bernethy

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

St. Andrew's Carillon

PRAISE TO GOD

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Adopted from Luke 2:1-14

Pastor: ...[Continues]... and laid him in a manger.

People: And the angels sang: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace to all whom God favors."

Pastor: Let us worship our with-us God.

People: Let us sing songs of praise!

***HYMN # 277**

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" 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 with hope. Let us begin with peace. Let us begin with joy.
Let us begin with love.**

Reader: Yes, let us begin with love, for surely love knows your name. Today, in addition to the candles of hope, peace, joy and love, we light the Christ Candle. For surely God is in this place. Surely the Spirit is near. Surely love knows our name.

All: May we rest in that good news. Unto us a child is born. A light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. Glory to God in the highest heaven! Amen.

HYMN # 265

"The First Noel" v. 1 – 2

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In-Unison)

Loving Christ, when the shepherds heard that you were born, they dropped their things and ran. They trusted the angels' invitation. They believed that your love existed for them. We wish that we were more like that. Instead, somewhere between the angels' song and the manger, we tend to lose our way. We doubt ourselves. We doubt the invitation. We doubt that love could know our names. Remind us that your love is personal and specific. Remind us that the good news of this day is for us. With hope we sing, we pray, and we run. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN # 261

"Away in a Manger" v. 1 – 3

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)

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:6

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to GOD!

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

"Love Knows Your Name"

Pastor Linda Graham

HYMN # 250

"O Little Town Of Bethlehem" 1 – 4

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (In-Unison) from Sanctified Art- Words for the Beginning

We believe that on a night like this one, a baby was born and placed in a manger. We believe that baby was God's love in flesh, who grew up to love the outcast and change the world.

We believe that Jesus' love was so big and so personal that the world will never be the same. So despite the mystery of this holy night, we believe that a star shone, that the shepherds ran, that the angels sang, and that love was born. Yes, we believe it when the prophets say that unto you, unto us, a savior is born. Glory to God in the highest heaven! We believe.

HYMN # 258

"Go, Tell it on the Mountain" v. 1 – 3

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.

HYMN # 253

"Silent Night" v. 1, 2 & 4

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

St. Andrew's Carillon

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