

# ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**December 1, 2019**

**10:30 AM**

Ministers.....	All Members of St. Andrew
Lead Elder.....	Susan Mild
Liturgist.....	Blaise Mvoa Olama
Head Usher.....	Beatrice White
Greeter.....	Bev Green
Music Ministry.....	The Choirs
Director of Music Emeritus.....	Garry Cornell
Pianists.....	Melissa S. Robol and Susan Mild
Organist.....	Judith F. Willour
Director of Music.....	Stephen Smith
Transitional Pastor.....	Mark Johnson

# The Gathering of God's People

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY (for silent meditation in preparation for worship)**

*God of glory, we know that you are coming at an unexpected hour. Come to us now in spirit and truth. Take us up into your presence, and make us ready for your reign of peace. Amen.*

## **RINGING OF THE HOUR AND INTROIT**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

—Susan Mild

## **PRELUDE**

“Lauda Anima” *John Goss, arr. Michael Burkhardt*

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

—Charma and John Huddy

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. As the Lord has promised, in days to come...

The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares

**People: and their spears into pruning hooks;**

Leader: nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

**People: neither shall they learn war any more.**

*Lighting of one Advent candle*

Leader: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**\*HYMN** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verses 1,2,4,5)

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## **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

Pastor: And now, let us silently confess our sins to God.  
(Silent prayer of confession.)

Pastor: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

## **\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom. The people of God will return with joy and singing. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **\*GLORIA**

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*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

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## **\*THE PEACE**

Pastor: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

# The Ministry of the Word

If you want to follow the Scripture lessons on your electronic device, our network is **Andrew2** or **Andrew3**; password: **calvinjohn**. A good website for the NRSV is [www.devotions.net/bible/00bible.htm](http://www.devotions.net/bible/00bible.htm) or the app Olive Tree.

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 13:11-14

[p. 162 (NT) in pew Bible]

### **ANTHEM**

“My Lord, What a Morning”

Traditional Spiritual Arranged by Jay Althouse

*My Lord, what a morning.*

*My Lord, what a morning.*

*O, my Lord, what a morning when the stars begin to fall.*

*You'll hear the trumpet sound*

*To wake the nations underground.*

*Looking to my God's right hand*

*When the stars begin to fall.*

*My Lord, what a morning.*

*My Lord, what a morning.*

*O, my Lord, what a morning when the stars begin to fall.*

*You'll hear the sinner moan*

*To wake the nations underground.*

*Looking to my God's right hand  
When the stars begin to fall.*

*My Lord, what a morning.*

*My Lord, what a morning.*

*O, my Lord, what a morning when the stars begin to fall.*

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## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:36-44  
[pp. 27-28 (NT) in pew Bible]

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

—Dr. Mark A. Johnson

# The Response to the Word

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison) The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

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## INVITATION TO OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

“Fantasia”

*Johann Pachelbel*

## \*RESPONSE

“The Doxology”

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ all people here below,  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore,  
Praise Triune God whom we adore.*

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Liturgist: We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love.

**People: By your grace, may all that we do show the glory of your name and serve the good of your people. Amen.**

# The Lord’s Supper

## \*HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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## INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

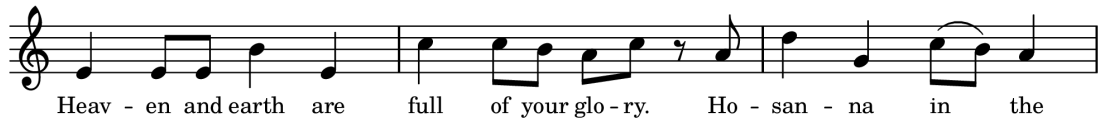
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy...  
...who forever sing to the glory of your name:



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Pastor: You are holy, O God of majesty...  
 ...a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit...  
 ...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: And now we pray as Christ Jesus taught us:

**People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

“Break Thou the Bread of Life” *arr. Tom Birchard*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Gracious and abundant God, even as we wait for the fulfillment of your creation, you meet us in Christ at this table, in this meal. We thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of salvation. Now send us out into the world in the power of your Holy Spirit to share your life and salvation with all whom we meet. Amen.

# The Sending of God's People

**\*HYMN**

“The Days Are Surely Coming”

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**\*CHARGE**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

VENI EMMANUEL

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*Paul Manz*

(\* indicates that the congregation is invited to stand.)

If you wish to enjoy the postlude, please remain quietly in your seats.  
Otherwise, consider it the final Alleluia on the day's worship  
and leave to honor God and serve in Christ's name.

**WE GREET YOU** and are pleased that you have joined us for worship today. Whether you are a guest, member, or friend of the church, we hope you find a warm welcome here. After worship, you are invited and encouraged to enjoy a time of refreshment and fellowship.

**GUESTS ARE INVITED** to make a name tag so that we may greet you by name. Tags are located in the front hall beside the guest book on the lectern.

**PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES** are available for use during the worship service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**FOR THE CHILDREN: Activity sheets** (two sets: for ages 3-6 and for 7-12) related to today's service are on the oak cabinet in the back of the sanctuary. **Activity bags** with coloring books and crayons for younger children are on hooks underneath the bulletin boards in the front hall.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** Come help hang the greens and decorate the church on December 14 at 1:00 pm and then stay for cookies and conversation.

**THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** will be having lunch on Friday, December 13, at the Granville Inn. Mary Jane Matthews is coordinating the event.

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY** is provided by the Mvoa Olama family.

**THE FLOWERS TODAY** are given by Jim and Susan Mild in memory of Bill and Bette Mild.

**THIS MONTH'S CARD MINISTRY COORDINATOR** is Amy Paulin.

**THE LEAD ELDER NEXT WEEK** is Fred Vaughan.

**MUSIC NOTES** from Stephen Smith:

This morning's anthem is a setting by Jay Althouse of the familiar spiritual "**My Lord, What a Morning.**" Like most spirituals, the history of the song is unclear. The meaning behind the text seems to be clouded as well, with some versions even being titled "My Lord, What a Mourning." The version of the text used for today's anthem makes reference to the end of time, which is also similarly referenced in the passage from Matthew which we hear today.



**THIS WEEK**

**ST. ANDREW**

**December 2 thru December 8\***

<b>Monday</b>	4:00 pm	PNC (Blue Room)
<b>Tuesday</b>	4:00 pm	Tai Chi (Blue Room)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:30 am	Prayer Meeting (Blue Room)
	12:30 pm	Bible Study (Blue Room)
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 pm	DCA (Blue Room)
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Christmas Brunch (Multipurpose Room)

**\*You may view the St. Andrew website for the complete calendar**

### **The Session**

Dr. Mark Johnson, Moderator

Susan Mild, Clerk

#### **Class of 2019**

Debie Myers  
Mark Stansbery  
Fred Vaughan

#### **Class of 2020**

Chris Cvar  
Mary Massey  
Susan Mild

#### **Class of 2021**

Roxanne Bawidamann  
Blaise Mvoa Olama  
Kate Kerr