

# ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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MATTHEW 2:2, NRSV

**January 5, 2020**

**10:30 AM**

Ministers.....	All Members of St. Andrew
Lead Elder .....	Kate Kerr
Liturgist .....	Mark Stansbery
Head Ushers .....	Georgia Reynolds & Mark Strong
Greeter.....	Lily Liu
Music Ministry .....	The Choirs
Director of Music Emeritus .....	Garry Cornell
Pianist .....	Melissa S. Robol
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)

*O Lord our God, your glory shines as far as the east is from the west, from the north to the south, so that all people may see and be radiant, so that every heart might thrill and rejoice. Guide us on our baptismal journey in Christ. Overwhelm us with the joy of your presence. May we enter your house and pay homage to him whose infant arms were already reaching out to the ends of the earth, that all might be gathered in. Amen.*

### RINGING OF THE HOUR AND INTROIT

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

—Kate Kerr

### PRELUDE

“A la Venue de Noel”  
(Theme and Variations)

*Claude Balbastre*

### \*LITANY FOR EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Pastor:** Arise, shine; for your light has come! The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**People:** Nations will come to his light, and rulers will seek his radiance.

**Pastor:** He will judge the people with righteousness and defend the cause of the poor.

**People:** The mystery of the ages is revealed; the eternal plan of God is known to all.

**Pastor:** Let us kneel down before him to give him honor, glory, and praise.

**People:** Let us offer him all the treasures of our hearts and our lives.

**Pastor:** Let us pray. God of endless light, you sent a star—rising from darkness, guiding seekers and sages, overwhelming us with joy. Let the splendor of your dawning light grow in us and in all the world until the whole creation shines with your glory.

**People:** Amen.

### \*HYMN

“The First Nowell” (verses 1-3)

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### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

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

God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of your righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. 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: Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason God sent the Son into the world—not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. We declare the good news of the Gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live a new life in him.**

**\*GLORIA**

*GLORIA*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

**\*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**

Ephesians 3:1-12  
[p. 193 (NT) in pew Bible]

## ANTHEM

### “What Child Is This?”

Words by William Chatterton Dix, c 1865  
Traditional English Melody Arranged by Philip Kern

*What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are  
keeping?*

*Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians fear; for sinners here the silent Word is keeping.*

*This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels  
sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary.*

*So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own  
Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.*

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## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12  
[p. 2 (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**                                    “We Three Kings of Orient Are”                                    #151

### **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**                                    “Bringing Gifts”                                    *arr. Stephen Scott*

**\*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: Though we are least among the saints, O God, still you have given us the gift of your grace, that we might share with others the boundless riches of Christ and also the resources we hold in trust.

**People: Receive now, we ask, what we have given today. Use these offerings and use us for your plans and purposes. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.**

## **The Lord’s Supper**

**\*HYMN**                                    “O Come, All Ye Faithful”                                    #133

### **INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE**

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

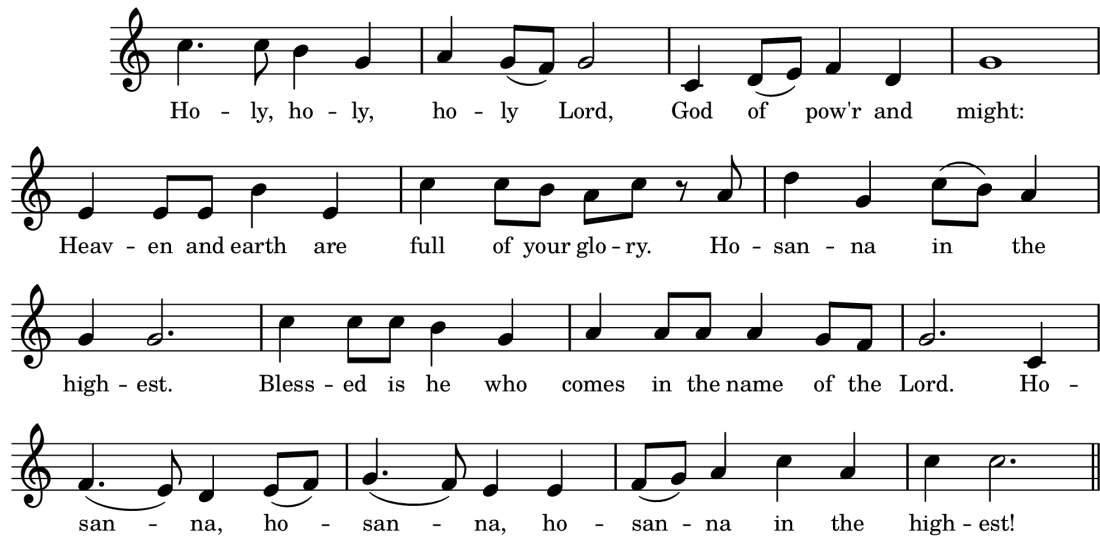
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

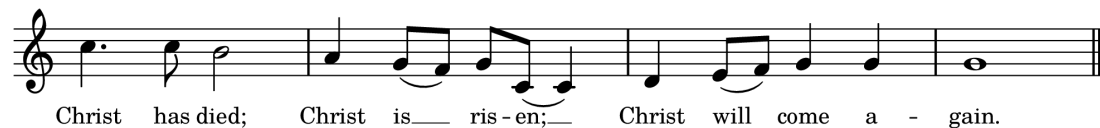
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
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

We receive communion by intinction. Please come forward, take a piece of bread, drip it in the cup, and eat it before returning to your pew. The communion servers will say, "Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven" and "Jesus Christ, the cup of salvation." The response is "Amen."

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Berceuse"

*Louis Vierne*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

# The Sending of God's People

**\*HYMN**

"The First Nowell" (verses 4-6)

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**\*CHARGE**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**GO TELL IT**

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

**\*POSTLUDE**

"Te Deum Laudamus"

*Dietrich Buxtehude*

(\* 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.

**WE WELCOME MEMBERS OF THE CELEBRATION RINGERS** from Worthington Presbyterian Church, Jennifer Fry, director. Assisting with the anthem today are Connie Lewis, Alice Miskell, Deanna Olson, Linda Ranck, Debbie Towarnicky, and Debb Wilson. Thank you for enhancing our worship music today.

**PARTNERS IN EDUCATION** Our presbytery is hosting an event at Worthington Presbyterian Church on Saturday, January 11, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. The keynote workshop will be on vital congregations. Please talk with Pastor Mark about registering for this event.

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY** is provided by Kate Kerr.

**THE FLOWERS TODAY** are given by Linette Lander in honor and memory of Mary Ellen and Wayne Lander and by Mark Strong in memory of his dad, David Strong and in honor of his nephew, Joel Strong's birthday.

**THIS MONTH'S CARD MINISTRY COORDINATORS** are Amy Paulin and Bea White.

**MUSIC NOTES** from Stephen Smith:

This morning's anthem, "**What Child Is This?**" is certainly familiar with most people. The text was written by William C. Dix (1837-1898), and is his own modification of his poem "The Manger Throne." The tune is GREENSLEEVES, an iconic medieval tune, named for the character about which the folk song was written, Lady Green Sleeves.





**THIS WEEK**

**ST. ANDREW**

**January 6 thru January 12\***

<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)
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Coloring Group
<b>Sunday</b>	9:15 am	Adult Education (Blue Room)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:45 am	Youth & Family Faith Development (Blue Room)

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

**POLICY ON CHURCH CLOSING:** The session has decided that the Sunday worship service will be cancelled whenever Franklin County is under a Level 2 snow emergency at 8:00 AM on a Sunday morning.

### **The Session**

Dr. Mark Johnson, Moderator

**Class of 2019**  
Debie Myers  
Mark Stansbery  
Fred Vaughan

**Class of 2020**  
Chris Cvar  
Mary Massey

**Class of 2021**  
Roxanne Bawidamann  
Blaise Mvoa Olama  
Kate Kerr

## *A Prayer for the New Year*

*Come, Holy Spirit.*

*Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.*

*Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.*

*Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.*

*May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,*

*A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,*

*A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,*

*A time for living in hope, not fear,*

*A time for growing in virtue and goodness.*

*Come, Holy Spirit.*

*Be with us today and always. Amen.*

— Author unknown





Welcome **2020!**