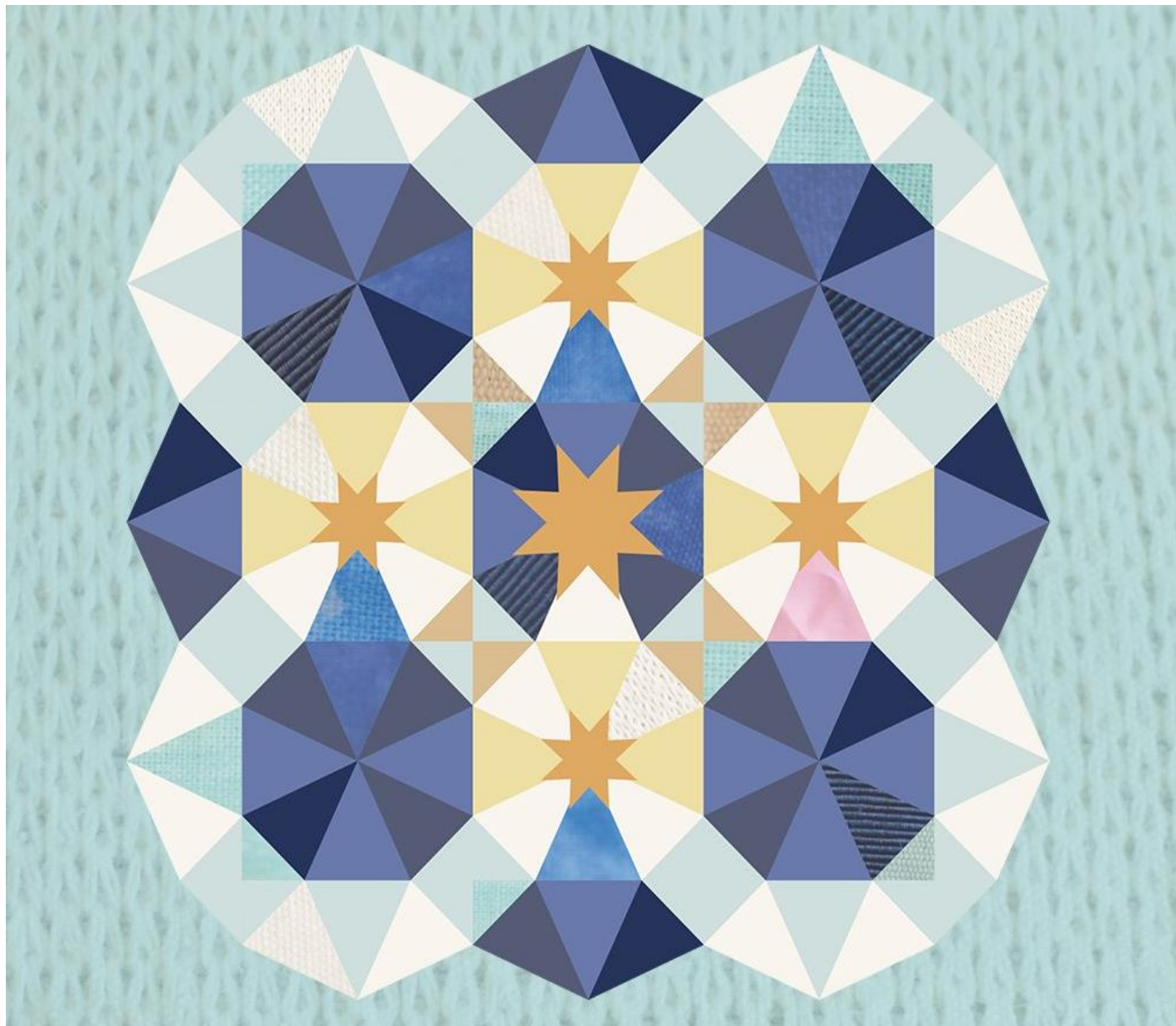


Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



“Do the Good That is Yours to Do”

December 15th, 2024

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SUNDAY SHEPHERD

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

St. Andrew's Carillon

PRAISE TO GOD

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: "Teacher," the crowd asked, "what should we do?"

People: If you have two shirts, give one away. Hold onto hope. Live like we belong to one another. Speak the truth. Look for God. Do the good that is yours to do.

Pastor: it's all that easy, and it's all that hard.

People: Let us worship our present and active God.

***HYMN # 249**

"O Come All Ye Faithful" 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 start small. Let us begin with what is right in front of us. Let us do the good that is ours to do, and let us do it with joy!

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

All: May these lights remind us of what could be. May these lights inspire action. May the warmth of these lights fill us with joy.

Reader: May it be so! Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In-Unison)

Liberating God, there are days when the world can feel like it's crumbling. There are days when I doubt I can make a difference. I ask myself, what could these two hands do? What could this one voice say? Shake me free of my own paralysis and self-doubt. Remind me that I am not called to fix everything. I am simply called to do the good that is mine to do. Whit hope in my heart and a fire in my bones, I pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)

Pastor: ...[Continues]... Join me in proclaiming these words of forgiveness:

**All: We are loved. We are forgiven. We are invited to do the good that is ours to do.
Thanks be to God for this new beginning. 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

Jan Peterson

SCRIPTURES

Jan Peterson

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58: 9b-12

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:7-16

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to GOD!

MESSAGE

"Do the Good That is Yours to Do"

Pastor Linda Graham

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Responsive)** from Sanctified Art- Words for the Beginning

Pastor: John the Baptist's followers once asked him, "what shall we do?" Church, knowing the state of the world, what is your answer?

People: In the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we say: Do not be discouraged by the weight of the world. Instead, hold fast to hope. Roll up your sleeves. Feed the hungry. Tend the garden. If you have two coats, give one away. Do the good that is yours to do. In doing so, you will see God. For this we believe: small acts of love can make a difference. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In-Unison)

Holy God, your love is magnified in the gift of your Son, whom you so freely share with us. Bless these gifts we offer to lift up the lowly and fill the hungry in your coming reign of justice and peace, in Christ's name. 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 # 270**

"Joy to the World" v. 1 – 4

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

St. Andrew's Carillon

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December Advent & Christmas Lectionary

[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
Psalm 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

Psalm 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

Psalm 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

Psalm 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

Psalm 148

Colossians
3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52