

# Welcome to St Andrews Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you worship with us today!

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, December 14, 2025, 10:30 a.m.  
*Third Sunday of Advent*

### PREPARATION

#### PRELUDE

*Worship in Song*

#### WELCOME

Rev. Rattray

### PRAISE

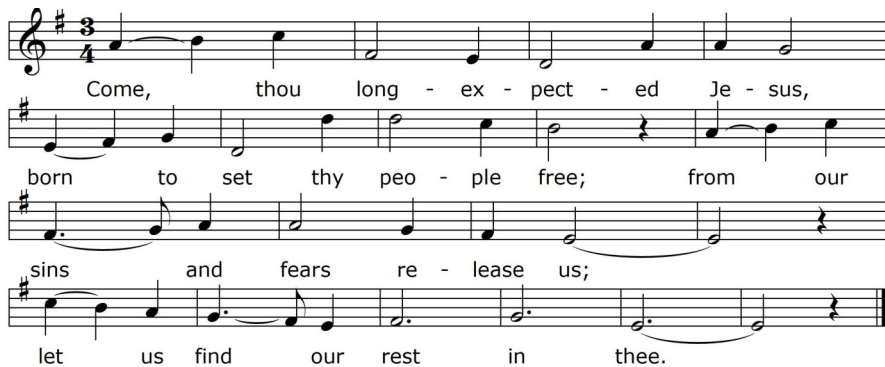
#### CALL TO WORSHIP

***Come, Lord Jesus, Come***

Ms. Lehman  
Mrs. Reynolds

**Choir:** Aimless searching, lost in the night, come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Deep in darkness, longing for light, come, Lord Jesus, come.

#### Congregational Refrain:



#### LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Marc Rattray, Senior Pastor  
Ms. Kristin Lehman, Assistant Director of Music & Arts  
Mrs. Amy Reynolds, Director of Music & Arts  
Rev. Andrew Davis, Assistant Pastor  
Morse Family, Advent Reading & Candle Lighting  
Rev. Sam Goodwin, Scripture Reader

Mrs. Sharon Rattray, Organ  
Mrs. Allison Hilbish, Piano  
Choir  
Sound Booth Team  
Ms. Sophie Goodwin, Drums  
Children's Choir

#### DEACONS OF THE WEEK:

Mr. Phil McDowell (803-629-0571), Mr. Bill Burn (803-622-4918)

#### OFFICER OF THE WEEK:

Please take time this morning to express your thanks to Officer Christopher Stokes and pray for him.

**\*\* Those who are able, please stand.**

## RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Advent is marked by a spirit of joy and celebration.

**People: With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.**

Leader: Advent is a time to open our eyes to our many blessings.

**People: With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.**

Leader: Advent is a time to appreciate the bonds of human love.

**People: With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.**

Leader: Advent is a time to remember the promises of God.

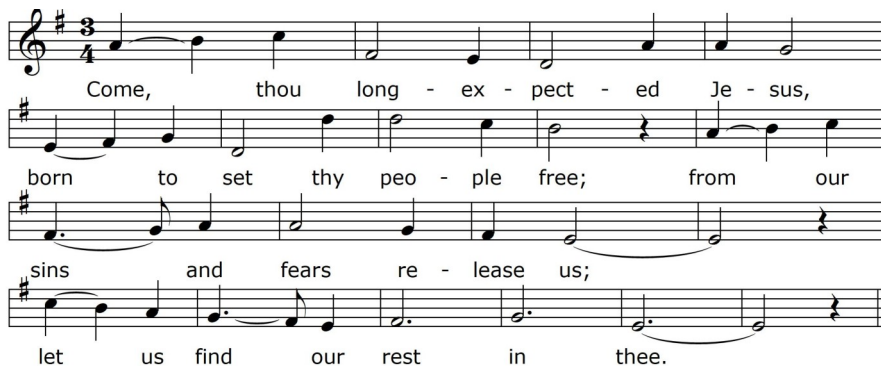
**People: With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.**

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Morse Family

### *The Candle of Joy*

#### Congregational Refrain:



## \*\* HYMN OF WORSHIP #74

### *Joy Has Dawned*

## \*\* INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Davis

## \*\* CONFESSION OF FAITH

### *Colossians 1:15-20*

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.**

**For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.**

**And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the Body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the**

**fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.**

## **CHORAL CONFESSION IN SONG**

### ***Angels We Have Heard on High***

*arr. Forrest*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains:

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

See Him in a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, with us sing our Savior's birth!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

## **RENEWAL**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND INTERCESSION**

### **\*\* HYMN OF CONFESSION #92** ***Once in Royal David's City***

## **COMMITMENT**

### **\*\* RESPONSE**

#### ***Doxology***

*Children in K4 & K5 may be excused for Children's Church.*

5 Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here be - low: al-le-

10 lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy

Ghost: al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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### **\*\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## OFFERTORY

### ***Come to Earth, O Tiny King***

Come to earth, O, tiny King, take away our sadness.  
At Your birth, our hearts will sing, filled with hope and gladness.

Come to earth, O, tiny King, heaven's love, descending.  
At Your birth, our hearts will sing of our joy unending.

Come to earth, O, tiny King; God among us dwelling.  
At Your birth, our hearts will sing, Your salvation telling.

Schram

Scan to Give



## \*\* HYMN OF PREPARATION #83

### ***Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven***

## \*\* SCRIPTURE READING

***Luke 1:46-56*** (*pew Bible page 856*)

Rev. Goodwin

## \*\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

### **CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES OF A MOTHER #3** ***A Mother's Song***

*(outline may be found on the next page)*

Rev. Rattray

## \*\* HYMN OF RESPONSE #78

***Good Christian Men, Rejoice!***

## \*\* BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

**CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES OF A MOTHER #3**  
***A Mother's Song***  
*Luke 1:46-56*

Introduction

I. God Is Great

II. God Is Good

III. Let Us Worship

Conclusion

**FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK:**  
***One Lord, One Hope, One Family***

**PRAY FOR...**

1. *Unity of heart and purpose, and revelation of the Lord's will through His people, as we come together for the congregational meeting next Sunday following worship.*
2. *Tonight's Christmas Through the Eyes of Mary concert at 6:00 p.m.—for the musicians and those who attend to be able to celebrate the first advent of Christ.*
3. *The Spirit to nudge your heart if there is someone you should invite to tonight's event.*

**THIS WEEK'S MISSIONS FOCUS: ACROSS THE WORLD**

**Water Mission**

*Headquartered in Charleston, SC*

In 1998, Water Mission's founders, Molly & George Greene, were operating an environmental engineering company. When Hurricane Mitch left devastation in its wake in Honduras in 1998, the Greenes received multiple requests for water treatment systems...but they couldn't find workable existing systems. So George and his team of engineers built such a system—and Water Mission International was born. This nonprofit Christian engineering ministry provides sustainable, safe water solutions to people in developing countries and to those impacted by disasters.

**A Water Impact Story, edited from their November newsletter**

The Christmas season is one of joy and peace. But for Matrida, joy always felt far away when the water she drank posed a risk to her health and the health of her unborn baby. Matrida and her husband Robert were preparing to welcome their first child. They lived in Chimwenje, Malawi, far from any water source. Matrida spent hours each day walking to collect water that was unsafe. Walking far in the African heat while carrying a heavy bucket of water is a challenging task for anyone, but it was especially grueling while eight months pregnant.

Despite her circumstances, Matrida clung to God throughout her pregnancy. Shortly before becoming pregnant, she had committed her life to serving Jesus. Matrida had joy on the horizon—not only was she about to be a mother, but she would also be able to raise her baby with access to safe, clean water. In the fall of 2023, Water Mission began building a safe water project in Chimwenje, in partnership with Compassion International and the local residents. "This will be my first baby. I'm so very excited and happy. I'll wash him, wash his clothes, cook for him, and give him food and water that is safe because the water project will be close to home."

There will be a Walk for Water event in Columbia at Saluda Shoals Park on April 25. To find out more about this and about Water Mission's ministry, visit **[watermission.org](http://watermission.org)**.

### Scheduled in the Nursery

#### Today

Desk Monitor: *B. Muncatchy*  
Infants: *M. Moore*  
Toddlers & 2s: *J. Mull, B. Siler*  
3s: *J. Merchant, L. Nagel*  
CC: *M. Evans, S. Hood*

#### Next Sunday

Desk Monitor: *M. Jordan*  
Infants: *S. Case, A. Suits*  
Toddlers & 2s: *HELPED NEEDED*  
3s: *B. Boyd, J. McGehee*  
CC: *C&D Marchman*

*If unable to serve, please switch with someone & contact Jeanette Simpson (jeanette@sapc.net).*

### SAPC Financial Summary

#### Ministry Operations (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026):

Budgeted ..... \$1,704,176  
Expenses to Date ..... 721,821  
Received to Date ..... 754,854

#### Faith Mission Giving (April 1, 2025-March 31, 2026):

Budgeted ..... \$225,000  
Pledged ..... 218,201  
Received ..... 139,120

#### Mortgage (January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025):

Current Balance ..... \$261,677  
Principal Reduction Funds to Date..... 82,810

### This Week's Scripture Reading Challenge & Prayer Prompts from This Week's Mission Focus

*Pray for...*

**Sunday, December 14** ..... **Psalm 62**  
*> Clean water for the many who are thirsty*

**Monday, December 15** ..... **Hosea 5 & Acts 24**  
*> Local churches to help meet their community's specific physical and spiritual needs*

**Tuesday, December 16** ..... **Hosea 6 & Acts 25**  
*> Water Mission employees, as they research strategic ways to provide clean water throughout the world*

**Wednesday, December 17** ..... **Hosea 7 & Acts 26**  
*> People in Jamaica, Haiti, Cuba, and the Bahamas, who were impacted by Hurricane Melissa to obtain water systems through Water Mission Disaster Response*

**Thursday, December 18** ..... **Hosea 8 & Acts 27**  
*> Water Mission teams working to get and keep safe water flowing in Ukraine*

**Friday, December 19** ..... **Hosea 9 & Acts 28**  
*> God to protect people from the dangers of unsafe water*

**Saturday, December 20** ..... **Hosea 10 & Romans 1**  
*> Pregnant mothers around the world who must walk long distances to collect dirty water*

**Sunday, December 20** ..... **Psalm 63**  
*> Countries & communities to unite harmoniously around fair & sustainable use of water*



## **MINISTRY NEWS**

**TWO MORE INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS** will be held over the next two days to share about and answer questions regarding the known needs for stewarding our facilities and recommendations for improving them. You are encouraged to attend at least one of these meetings and are welcome to attend all of them. Meetings will be held in room 205 on:

- Today, December 14, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 15, 6:30 p.m.

Then, following the worship service *next Sunday*, December 21, the Session has called for a **congregational meeting** to seek God's will through a vote of the church members.

### **—WORSHIP—**

[sapc.net/WORSHIP](http://sapc.net/WORSHIP)

*A disciple is faithful to worship with God's people, not merely out of duty, but out of joyful gratitude for salvation.*

**OUR CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24. Don't miss this beautiful, Christ-focused pause in the Advent season.

**COMMUNION SERVICE** We will celebrate the Lord's Table as part of next Sunday's worship service. Please prepare your heart for this holy sacrament. Also note that a benevolence offering will be received at the conclusion of the service.

### **—CONNECT—**

[sapc.net/CONNECT](http://sapc.net/CONNECT)

*A disciple connects with other believers for fellowship, prayer, friendship, and support.*

**DON'T MISS** The Choirs of St. Andrews: *Christmas Through the Eyes of Mary* **tonight** at 6:00 p.m.! The concert is free, no tickets required, though you will have opportunity to make a love offering, if desired. Childcare for 3 & under will be available. Invite a friend and join us! This Christmas concert celebrating our Savior's birth is a highlight of our Advent season!

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** All students (7th-12th grade) are invited to (dress warmly &) partake in a festive night of hot chocolate and Christmas lights at Saluda Shoals Park this Wednesday, December 17, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Qs? Contact Tyler ([tyler@sapc.net](mailto:tyler@sapc.net)).

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WILL RESUME WITH A CHILI & SOUP COOK-OFF KICK-OFF** on January 7 at 5:30 p.m.! Do you have an amazing chili recipe? A special soup recipe? This is your day! Plan now to enjoy this relaxed evening of taste-testing, playing board games (if you choose to) and just enjoying one another as a church family. Register at [go.sapc.net/soup](http://go.sapc.net/soup). There is **no cost but we do request that you sign up**, and when you do, please indicate if you will be entering the cook-off (not required). The

church will provide shredded cheese, sour cream, a variety of crackers/breads, cookies, and drinks.

**NEW TO SAPC?** Interested in learning more about the church? Whether today's your first day or you've been attending for months, we hope you'll join us for our next **Visitors' Lunch** on Sunday, January 18, following the worship service. This informal time offers a chance to ask questions and learn more about life here at St. Andrews! Sign up on page 11.

### **—GROW—**

[sapc.net/GROW](http://sapc.net/GROW)

*A disciple is committed to continue to grow, to be a lifelong learner of the things of God.*

**NOTE** that there will be no Growth Hour on Sunday, December 28.

**JANUARY 4 COMBINED GROWTH HOUR** Fifth grade through adults—come hear what God is doing at Camp Los Naranjos in Spain! We will hear from our team that went to Los Naranjos in November and spend some time in prayer for the ministry there. We will also learn about the spring growth class offerings.

### **—SERVE—**

[sapc.net/SERVE](http://sapc.net/SERVE)

*A disciple seeks to use his/her gifts and abilities to serve God and others as an application of genuine faith.*

**OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** is looking for 2-3 volunteers to serve our 3s & under at the Christmas Eve Service. Could you help? Contact Jeanette ([jeanette@sapc.net](mailto:jeanette@sapc.net)).

**READERS** are needed for our Wednesday night Campfire Storytimes beginning January 14. Sign up by the Children's Library (#105) door. Qs? Contact Jeanette ([jeanette@sapc.net](mailto:jeanette@sapc.net)).

**INTERESTED** in helping with our spring Good News Club at Irmo Elementary School (6 weeks)? Reach out to Amy ([amy@sapc.net](mailto:amy@sapc.net)) by 12/20!

**SCRIPTURE READERS** are needed for each week's worship service. If you are a member high school-aged or older and would like to be a reader, reach out to Kristin Lehman for more information ([kristin@sapc.net](mailto:kristin@sapc.net)).

**NOTE THAT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2025** must be postmarked or received in the church offices by Wednesday, December 31.

**THE CHURCH OFFICES** will be closed Wednesday-Friday, December 24-26, and Thursday, January 1, in observance of the holidays.

**THE 2026 FLOWER CALENDAR** is now available! Help fill in its dates by sponsoring (\$65) a week of the Sanctuary flowers (under the cross). Sign up at [go.sapc.net/flowers](http://go.sapc.net/flowers). The flowers are yours to take with you after morning worship.

## **ACTIVITIES**

### **Sunday, December 14—Third Sunday of Advent**

- 8:45 AM Weekly Corporate Prayer, #208
- 9:00 AM Children's Worship Time
- 9:15 AM Sunday Morning Growth Classes  
*Happy Birthday, Jesus Party, Children's Hallway*
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time, Gathering Place (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 2:00 PM Congregation Informational Meeting, #205
- 6:00 PM *Choirs of St. Andrews: Christmas Through the Eyes of Mary* Concert, Sanctuary

### **Monday, December 15**

- 6:30 PM Congregation Informational Meeting, #205

### **Tuesday, December 16**

- 6:30 AM Men's Study: *Paul's Letters*, #110
- 12:00 PM Staff Christmas Party & Meeting, Conference Room
- 6:00 PM Handbell Choir 2 Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Board of Deacons, Conference Room

### **Wednesday, December 17**

- 6:00 PM Youth Christmas Lights

### **Thursday, December 18**

- 6:30 PM Meeting in the Middle, 17 Lake Front Ct.
- 6:30 PM Perception Ministries' Deeper Dive, #120, #122

### **Sunday, December 21—Fourth Sunday of Advent, Communion**

- 8:45 AM Weekly Corporate Prayer, #208
- 9:00 AM Children's Worship Time
- 9:15 AM Sunday Morning Growth Classes
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time, Gathering Place (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:45 AM Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

#### **COMING UP...**

- **December 14:** 3rd Sunday of Advent  
Congregation Informational Meeting, (2:00p, #205)  
*Choirs of St. Andrews* Concert
- **December 15:** Congregation Informational Meeting, (6:30p, #205)
- **December 21:** 4th Sunday of Advent  
Congregational Meeting
- **December 24:** Candlelight Christmas Eve Service (5:30 p.m.)
- **January 4:** Combined Growth Hour/Spain Mission Journey Report
- **January 7:** Chili & Soup Cook-off Kick-off

## **Response Card**

*December 14, 2025*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **VISITOR'S LUNCH**

- ☐ I/We plan to come to the *Meet the Pastor* lunch on Sunday, January 18.  
(For childcare, RSVP to [jeanette@sapc.net](mailto:jeanette@sapc.net) by today.)

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### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

*(shared with pastors)*

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***Please place this completed  
(see reverse) Response Card  
in the offering basket.***

**Church Staff**

December 14, 2025

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To dial an extension directly, dial (803) 888-extension.

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