

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Welcome to worship at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, where everybody belongs!

We are so glad you're here.

This service is live streamed on our YouTube channel.

**Children of all ages are welcome in worship.** We also have childcare available in our fellowship hall for children under 4 years old. Feel free to ask a greeter for help and directions.

Children in PreK through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to join our volunteers for Children's Church downstairs after the Word with Children and can be picked up after the conclusion of the service.

All are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall after the service for coffee hour and snacks.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas Cleanup** | Please consider staying after worship today to help take down our Christmas decorations. The good news is that many hands make light work, and takedown always goes faster than setup. Thank you for your help as we prepare for the next exciting season!

**Coming in January: Inspired** | This winter we're beginning a new sermon series exploring the stories, questions, and surprising beauty of the Bible through Rachel Held Evans' book *Inspired*. Together, we'll look at Scripture with fresh eyes-- engaging our doubts, our hopes, and our imagination as we seek a faith that is honest, courageous, and life-giving. Whether church is a weekly rhythm or an occasional visit, you're invited. There's a place for your questions, your curiosity, and your story. **Join us January 11 - February 15.**

**Save the Date - Congregational Meeting and Chili Cookoff** | On Feb 1st we will be hosting a congregational meeting after worship, which will include approving the 2026 budget and voting on a new church logo. The meeting will be followed by our annual chili cookoff! Are you interested in becoming a member of SAPC so you can vote on these important topics? Email Amanda for more information - amanda@standrew-pres.org

## CALENDAR

January 4	10:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Children's Church (Minis)
January 11	10:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Children's Church (Minis)
January 18	10:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Children's Church (Minis)



Scan the QR code to access our LinkTree.

Here you'll find the link to give financially to St. Andrew. You will also find all the information you need as you engage with our community, including volunteer opportunities and links to sign up for our e-news and monthly newsletter.

THIS WORSHIP SERVICE WAS CURATED BY REV. AMANDA KEMERY WITH LITURGIES ADAPTED FROM ILLUSTRATED MINISTRIES "THE WILL TO DREAM" ADVENT RESOURCES

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EPIPHANY

JANUARY 4, 2026

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOSH SHIELDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather together in this place:

All: **prophets and dreamers, singers and poets,**

One: we who dare to imagine a world renewed;

All: **we who dare to dream God's dream.**

One: We listen with Joseph,

All: **guided by faith and dreams.**

One: In fear or in flight,

All: **God is our refuge.**

One: By the light of a star,

All: **God guides us on the way.**

One: Come and worship, all you who dream and wait.

All: **We have come to wonder and praise.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

MARCIA OWENS

\*HYMN 151 We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

INVITATION TO THE CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of refuge, we confess that we are captive to the political and economic realities that cause neighbors to live in uncertainty and fear. We are slow to show hospitality to the immigrant and reluctant to risk our privilege for the sake of advocacy and generosity. Grant us humility and courage, and stir up in us a renewed commitment to holy resistance, for the sake of those seeking refuge.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus,**

**Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: God promises to lead us through the wilderness of sin and death. By the guiding star of God's mercy, you are forgiven and renewed for your journey of faith, traveling the way of Jesus Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard on High — *Refrain*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

## HEARING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

SARAH READ

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

JOSH SHIELDS

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-15

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, and for the Word of God within us...

All: We give thanks to God.

REFLECTION

Star-Led, Risk-Ready

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 123

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

CAROL

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

MARCIA OWENS

We believe God's revelation comes to us in the quiet and the subtle, from the margins and in the cries of nature. God's revelation comes through dreams, the light of stars, and the voices of those fearing for their lives.

We believe the message of God's revelation is always an urgent one, calling for immediate trust and radical care. It continually points toward justice, asking us to defy and resist the harmful forces around us.

We believe, like Joseph, who protected his family, God's revelation shines on the path of protection, asking us to be sheltering arms for the vulnerable.

We believe, like the magi, who listened to the voice of the Spirit rather than that of empire, God's revelation calls us to courageous faith and embodied resistance.

We believe, like a single star shining in the sky, God's revelation empowers us to a purity of heart and calling, where we have clarity on what we are to do, and live it out with simple, steady faithfulness.

So we commit ourselves to small acts of courage as holy epiphanies, trusting that with each one, God's revelation will spread and shine.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Gracious One,

All: in your mercy, hear our prayers.

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR TIME, AND OUR TALENTS

ANTHEM

"They Followed His Star"  
Mark & Debbie Stafford

DOXOLOGY

*Sung to the tune of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOSH SHIELDS

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

