

Scripture Next Week

Luke 2: 1-20

This Week @SAPC

- Dec 18 10:00AM Worship and Children's Sunday School
7:00PM Community Christmas Concert, *LDS Ashburn*
- Dec 21 6:00PM Kids With Purpose
6:45PM Choir, 8:00PM Bells
- Dec 23 4:00 p.m. Kids' Christmas Pageant
Followed by a Spaghetti Supper
- Dec 24 6:00 p.m. Candles, Carols, Communion

Upcoming Events

- Dec 25 10:00 a.m. Worship, *casual (PJ's ok!)*
- Jan 1 10:00 a.m. Worship: Star Words
- Jan 8 10:00 a.m. Worship-Serving in 2023
Communion
11:30 a.m. Church-Wide Potluck /
Committee Meetings

Prayers and Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today we receive the Joy Gift Offering.

JOYS:

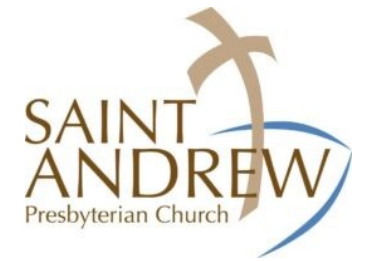
The Baptism of Lucas Marvin Boundy
All who visit SAPC during the holidays
The generosity of those who share with their neighbors.

CONCERNS: Illnesses, Deaths, Disasters, Global

Grace F— health concerns
John P— father of Katie D, recovering from COVID in Arizona
Betty W—continued improvement during this challenging recovery
Don F and family for father, Les—coping with cancer, for mother-
Barbara—healing from leg injury
Janet B—continued healing from broken bones
Ray A's family, grieving his death
For those suffering from weather-related issues
Prayers for financial well-being in difficult times
For peace in Ukraine, Russia, and Germany.
All who are contracting, enduring, or recovering from flu, RSV, COVID,
and other viruses.

Note:

All childcare providers have passed a background check and two adults are always present.



**Fourth Sunday of
Advent
December 18, 2022**

Welcome to Worship!

Grace to you and peace from God and members and friends of St. Andrew Presbyterian. We are glad to join in worship with you, please sign the attendance sheets located in the entryway if you are worshipping onsite or check in online here with the QR code:



Children are welcome in worship for the entire service. Children's packets are available in the Narthex (lobby) for quiet activity. We provide a nursery for children, newborn through age 4.

To learn more about the ministry of St. Andrew members, please visit our webpage (please be patient while it is under reconstruction), <https://www.standrew-pres.org/>

Worship Notes: The worship services are live-streamed and recorded and posted online. Your presence in the sanctuary serves as consent to be a photographed or otherwise recorded. This is true for children as well. If you have any concerns, please speak to a Greeter.

*An * denotes the people rise in mind and spirit, and may stand in body, to honor the presence and glory of God.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Lord, Before This Fleeting Season

Libby Larsen

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORDS OF WELCOME

Clark Seipt

CANDLE LIGHTING

Worship Leader: Over a hundred people, from the ages of two to eighty years old, were asked the question, "What makes you feel connected; what makes you feel loved?" From the voices of different generations, hear their answers:
Generations: Handwritten notes....

...Today we light the candle of love as a reminder that from the very first generation,

God has surrounded us with love. May this good news—these threads of love—not only weave deeper connections between neighbors, but shape our actions and allow us to see God more clearly.

The candle of love is lit.

In a lonely world, let this light shine bright. From generation to generation, we are held in God's love. Thanks be to God for that good news. Amen.

***HYMN 110**

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

Worship Team Today

Liturgist: Clark Seipt
Elder: Priscilla O'Donnell
Deacon: Ed Ronan, Sarah Sassak
A/V Crew: Hill, Gillispie

Deacons

Sarah Sassak, co-chair, Congregational Care
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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Clark Seipt

One: One of the greatest gifts and challenges of faith is that we cannot be Christian alone... So together, let us confess this challenge to our merciful God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of today and tomorrow, when Mary came to her cousin's home, Elizabeth threw open the door with joy.

ALL: We usually answer the door carefully after checking to see who knocks and open it the video doorbell or looking through the window. How often we fail to entertain angels! How often we miss the opportunity to shower blessings and joy! Gracious God, forgive us for our hardened and fearful actions. Open us, open the door to our hearts for we want to see you when we see our neighbor. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, this is what I know—God delights in us, throws open the door, and says, “Come on home. There is room for you here!” And in that moment, we are blessed.

ALL: In that moment, we are forgiven. In that moment, we are welcomed home. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN 113

Angels We Have Heard On High
verse 3 and refrain only

GLORIA

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

*Lucas Marvin Boundy, Child of God
Child of Rachel Vesely and Andrew Boundy*

Rev. Beverly Friedlander,
Clark Seipt, Elder

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

One: Let us all now affirm once more the baptismal covenant through our most ancient and common profession of faith that we may declare our communion with Christians near and far and throughout the ages. Do you believe in God?

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

One: Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

ALL: I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water....

To you be all praise, honor, and glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever. Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Rev. Beverly Friedlander Ostrowski

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

ELDER: Lucas, you have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through Baptism....

The peace of Christ be with you and with us all.

People: And also with you. (Please share the sign of God's peace with those near to you.)

*HYMN 126

Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child

WONDERFUL CHILD

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 39-45, 56

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE

LUKE 1: 47-55

(to be sung by the church)

*HYMN 99

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

MORNING SONG

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

We see God in each other

Rev. Beverly Friedlander

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE & OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: ...And now, in the light of your hope, peace, joy and love, we join our voices to pray:

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is 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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDOLSSOHN

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

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