

ST. ANDREW BY-THE-SEA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Work of the People for Sunday, December 17, 2023

The liturgical color is blue, symbolizing the color of the sky before the breaking of the dawn

GATHERING FOR PRAISE

PRELUDE Christmas Fantasy arr. C. Kohlmann
Debera Loesser, piano Bruce Gale, organ

RINGING OF THE TRINITY CHIMES

*HYMN OF PRAISE - UMH #211 O Come, O Come Emmanuel { v 1,5 } VENI EMMANUEL

*A READING FROM THE PROPHET Isaiah 11:1-6 Lesley Kyle

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Jonathan Tompkins

WELCOME A NEW MEMBER Kathy Owen
{ congregational response }

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

MORNING PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER Pastor Frank Lybrand

ANTHEM A Tiny Child Will Come N. Price & D. Besig
Seaside Chancel Choir

HEARING GOD’S WORD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Wild Family

ADVENT CANDLE RESPONSIVE READING

Even though the tree stump seems dead, a branch will grow!
We wait for you again, Lord Jesus.
The Lord’s spirit of wisdom, strength, and knowledge will rest on him.
We wait for you again, Lord Jesus.
The wolf will live with the lamb, the predator will play with the prey,
and a little child shall lead them!
We wait for you again, Lord Jesus.
As we wait, we light three candles today, the candles of HOPE, LOVE, and PEACE,
three little lights to knock holes in the darkness.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot put it out! Amen!

ADVENT CANDLE SONG - TFWS #2090 Advent Candle Song { verse 3 }

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Advent Coventry Carol arr. H. Sorenson
Seaside Chancel Choir

Lo, How a Rose arr. J. Nishimura
Rebecca Tompkins and Julia Buzzard, flute duet

He is Born, the Holy Child arr. M. Ocker
String Quartet
Mario Incorvaia, Cathy Kilmoﬀ, Jamie Crawford-Harmon, Dominique Geer

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN
Congregational Hymn - UMH #240

Angels arr. J. Brickman
Seaside Liturgical Dancers

What Can I Give Him? arr. H. Helvery
Seaside Chancel Choir, Seaside Bell Choir, String Quartet

What Child is This? arr. K. Khanagov
Jonathan Tompkins, alto saxophone

Christmas Bell Tidings arr. M. Ryan
Seaside Bell Choir

OFFERTORY
We acknowledge with gratitude all who give in-person and online
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL
Debera Loesser, piano

Angels from the Realms of Glory arr. H. Smart
Tripp Nicol, trumpet

*A Tribute of Carols arr. H. Sorenson
Seaside Chancel Choir, String Quartet, Congregation

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

*Awaken Us, God { Peace }
Your advent Emmanuel now we embrace
Your peace with all creatures, your promise of grace
Your Word is made flesh and your blessing you give
That we too in peace with all others may live
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POSTLUDE
Joy to the World/How Great Our Joy arr. D. McDonald
String Quartet
{ please remain seated for the postlude }

*please stand as you are able



THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Thursday, Dec 21, 6:00 pm

Worship with us on the longest night of the year as we acknowledge the heartbreak of this time of year and offer hope and healing in the midst. We continue in our *HOPE is on the Way* series with Pastor Jonathan's sermon 'HOPE for Peace' based on John 14:27, and our Stephen Ministers will offer anointing with oil as a symbol of God's healing. Join us in-person in the sanctuary or online.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship with us in multiple ways on December 24

Our 10:00 am service that day is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We will 'light the Advent Candle Four' and continue in our series with 'HOPE for Joy.' Our children and young people will grace us with our annual Christmas Pageant.

Our 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm services are Candlelight Christmas Eve. We will 'light the Christmas candles now' and continue in our series with 'HOPE is Here!'

All are invited to the Lord's Table for Communion.

The 4:30 pm service will be streamed and available online.

Give a Christmas Tithe: take 10% of your Christmas spending and give it for the Christmas Eve offering, which we give away to help others locally and globally. If you are not able to make it that evening, you can still give online through our website or using our special Christmas Eve offering envelopes (available in the narthex or in the church office).

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Christmas Hymn Sing, 10:00

Even though it's New Year's Eve, it's still Christmas! Worship with us as we continue to light the Christmas candles, hear from the Prophet, retell the Christmas story, and begin the 'Work of Christmas.' In lieu of a sermon that day, we will sing Christmas hymns by request--have your choices from the hymnal ready!

Epiphany Sunday, January 7, 2024

St. Andrew resumes TWO

Sunday worship services

Join us as we begin the new year welcoming the Wise Men, lighting the Epiphany candles, and beginning a new series, '*The B.I.B.L.E.: Making Sense of our Sacred Scripture.*'

9:00 Traditional Worship

10:15 Classes for All Ages

11:09 Modern Worship



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And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

