

# St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

December 18, 2016

10:30am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

*(Prepare Prayer Request: You may write a prayer concern or joy on the cards found in each pew. Ushers will collect the prayer cards in the center aisle as the children come forward for the Children's Message.)*

## INTROIT

\* **OPENING HYMN NO. 245** (vv. 1-3) "The First Noel"

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

God comes! So don't let go of all the reasons to rejoice.

**We will sing a song of Advent to the One who fills our lives with joy.**

God comes! So don't stop lifting your prayers with thanksgiving.

**We will sing a song of Advent to the One who hears our words and silence.**

God comes! So don't stop giving your hearts to God.

**We will sing a song of Advent to the One who graces us with a peace we cannot begin to understand.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Love. We light it, and the Candles of Hope and Peace again, as we remember Jesus, born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God's promises and bring us everlasting peace and joy.

(The First, Second and Third Advent Candles are lit.)

Today, we light the Fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her, she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope, peace, and love grows joy.

We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

(The Fourth Advent Candle is lit.)

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

10:30am Worship – Nursery Care for infants to 2 year olds – room 201  
10:45am – Children remain in the Sanctuary for A Time With Our Children

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	10:30am	The Grumpy Shepherd Presentation
	11:45am	Children's treats in honor of Jesus Birthday – Graf Room
	11:45am	Children's Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
	2-4:30pm	Open House at the Parsonage
Wednesday	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
Thursday	6pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 101
Saturday	6:30pm	Presentation of Beloved Christmas Music
	7pm	Christmas Eve Service
	10:30pm	Presentation of Beloved Christmas Music
	11pm	Christmas Eve Service

## ACTIVITIES WEEK OF DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 10:30am Christmas Sunday Worship Service

## CHRISTMAS SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Our Christmas Family Worship will feature the last first-person presentation. Luke, the carpenter will finish the story that began on November 27<sup>th</sup> and you will want to be here to for the conclusion. Come and bring the whole family.

There will be no Sunday School that day, so children and parents can enjoy worshipping together. The Nursery will be open for infants to 2-year-olds.

## READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

In 2017, St. Andrew's is reading the Bible together. If you would like to have a Bible that is laid out with the daily readings, they are available in the lobby for \$20 (it's a good practice to start a project like this with a new Bible, but not required). You are able to take part in this project using your own Bible. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Richard.



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Katharine Baer, Director of Music

Ellen Barton, Bell Choir Director

Ellen Youssefian, Pianist

## Open House at the Parsonage

425 Burning Tree Road, Cherry Hill  
TODAY  
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Stop by and take a break  
from the hustle and bustle of the season  
to enjoy some fellowship  
and some homemade pies with friends!

## Christmas Eve 2016

7:00p.m. and 11:00p.m.

*Each service preceded by a special presentation  
of beloved music of the season  
featuring voice and string instruments  
(6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.).*

*As we move through the business of the holiday season, we long  
for just a little bit of peace. The world found its peace, on a star  
filled night, in a stable in Bethlehem. Isn't it time for the world  
to "Come to the Manger" and discover the peace of the Christ  
Child for themselves?*

*Come out and join your voice as we sing praises to God  
culminating with the traditional "Silent Night sung in  
candlelight.*

## NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

 Our Nursery School began registration for the 2017-18 school year, and as a special gesture to our church families, you may register now. The School has been voted a winner fifteen times in The Best Nursery School of South Jersey contest. St. Andrew's Nursery School & Kindergarten offers six different programs for children ages 18 months through 6 years of age. In addition, we also offer three enrichment programs: The Literacy Lab for 3 year-olds, the Science & Math Academy for 4 year-olds and Kindergarten Enrichment for children enrolled in an outside kindergarten class. Our dedicated and loving teachers ensure that the children enjoy a well-rounded, play based learning environment. Brochures and registration cards can be found on the table in the Narthex. Details of each program can also be found on the school's website, [www.staNurserySchool.com](http://www.staNurserySchool.com). Please feel free to call the school office (856-429-4470) with any questions.

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “A STAR SHONE BRIGHT”

From Bethlehem come to our day,  
Reveal to us your holy way.  
Be born again, Eternal Fire.  
O, Spirit come our souls inspire.

## ADVENT PRAYER *(prayed together)*

**Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-25 NT page 1

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM page 33

Paxton Carter Hofmann

## CALL TO PRAYER

### MORNING PRAYER & 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## SHARING OUR RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY

### \* RESPONSE

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

#### “The Grumpy Shepherd”

Follow the Shepherds	Glory to God in the Highest Heavens
A Grumpy, Grumpy Shepherd	What Sort of King
Joram’s Lament	My Lord, My King, You Are Here
A Grumpy, Grumpy Shepherd (reprise)	Follow the Shepherds (reprise)

\* **CLOSING HYMN** (printed in the bulletin) “Some Children See Him”

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* POSTLUDE

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

## GOD CLAIMS YOU

## SOME CHILDREN SEE HIM

### Serving our church this morning...

**Greeters:** Robert, Vashti, Matthew and Marc Constant

**Acolyte:** Reid Kolbe

**Liturgist:** Roxanne La Roc

**Ushers:** Dave Layton, Peter Barton, Cesar DeGuzman, Chuck Edgerton, Kent Fegley, Lois Stawicki

**Audio:** Tom Bianco III, Mark Corcoran, Dale Osterman



We are glad you are here. Please help us get to know you by filling out the “Welcome Visitor” brochure found in the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please ask one of our ushers. Thank you.

Welcome to St. Andrew’s.

### NURSERY CARE

For those of you with children age 2 and under, we have a nursery in room 201. (Please see one of our ushers for location/ directions.) It is professionally staffed by Jennie Armour, a lovely young woman who has been caring for children for many years. ***In addition, there is a rocking chair available in the back of the sanctuary so you can comfort your child and remain in the worship service.***

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Eustace Kangaju, 17 Snyder Court, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002; Rose DeGuzman, 1005 Edgemoor Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; Mary Ann Edgerton, 107 Chelton Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; Donna Shoaf, 712 Grove Street, Haddonfield, NJ 08033

**SHUT-IN IN OUR PRAYERS:** [Joanna Burris](#)  
[558 Sentinel Road, Moorestown, NJ 08057](#)

We will lift up a shut-in member each week. We hope you will pray for them, give them a call, send a card or drop in and visit them. If you know anyone who could be on our list, please contact the church office.

### GRUMPY SHEPHERD PARTICIPANTS

**Director:** Ellen Barton

**Accompanist:** Joyce Worthington

#### Angels

Kyla Ballister

Kaitlyn Bianco

Morgan Cook

Reneé Cunningham

Madeleine Griffis

Makenzie Howlett

Eve Mallow

Madison McDermott

Josie Murphy

**Joram:** Evan Wry

**Mary:** Melissa Blanchard

**Joseph:** James Spangler

#### Shepherds

Julia Barton

D’Andre Abrahams-Forbes

Jai Minhas

Maddie Winslow

#### Sheep

Ryan Cunningham

Annebelle Griffis

Justin Malec

Noah Mallow

Jimmy Winslow