Merry Christmas! Welcome to worship this Holy Night!

We are a congregation that Proclaims Jesus Christ, Lives in Christ and Serves. Empowered by God’s love we help transform lives, communities and the world so that everyone may know Christ’s healing power.

We’re glad you’re here to join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus!

**Prelude**

**Hymn**  O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful,  
   Joyful and triumphant!  
   O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
   Come and behold him  
   Born the king of angels:  
   O come, let us adore him,  
   O come, let us adore him,  
   O come, let us adore him,  
   Christ the Lord!

2. Sing choirs of angels,  
   Sing in exultation,  
   Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
   Glory to God—  
   In—the—highest:  
   O come, let us adore him,  
   O come, let us adore him,  
   O come, let us adore him,  
   Christ the Lord!

3. Yea, Lord we greet thee,  
   Born this happy morning;  
   Jesus, to thee—be—glo—ry giv’n!  
   Word of the Father,  
   Now in flesh appearing:  
   O come, let us adore him,  
   O come, let us adore him,  
   O come, let us adore him,  
   Christ the Lord!

**Proclamation of Praise**

Leader: Welcome, this Christmas Eve, in the wondrous name of God, the Father, Jesus, his only Son, and the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide.

All: Amen

Leader: We rejoice that God’s promise of a world made new came true in Bethlehem.

All: Praise the Lord, “God is with us.”

Leader: The angels sang, “Glory to God!”

All: “Glory to God in the highest!”
Leader: We give thanks for the birth of the Christ Child,

All: For the love of God incarnate, and for the love we share with one another.

Leader: O come, let us adore him! O come, let us receive him!

All: O come, let us worship Jesus Christ, our newborn King!

HYMN What Child Is This

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

2 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

GREENSLEEVES

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: O most gracious God, on this silent night, this holy night, we give you thanks for the Christ child. Angels visited from on high. This night we, your people, celebrate with the angels and all of creation the gift of the one who is Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen

ANTHEM

6:00 O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam
Olivia Schurke, soloist

7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 All Is Well Wayne Kirkpatrick & Michele W. Smith; arr. Ronn Huff
St. Andrew’s Choirs

LESSON Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”
HOLY GOSPEL  Luke 2:1-14

The Congregation is invited to stand.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”
Hymn  Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
   “Glory to the newborn king;
   Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
   God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
   “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing,
   “Glory to the newborn king!”

2 Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
   Hail the Sun of righteousness!
   Light and life to all he brings,
   ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
   born that we no more may die,
   born to raise each child of earth,
   born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
   “Glory to the newborn king!”

Sermon  Find Hope Here
Pastor Michael D. Carlson

Offering
St. Andrew’s Orchestra

Offertory  O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
   Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
   yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above
   while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond’ring love.
   O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
   and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth.

Lighting of the Candles
Please tip your unlighted candle to receive flame from an usher or the person next to you. The lighted candle should remain upright and the unlighted candle is tipped to the lighted candle. Always hold lighted candles upright. The candle should be extinguished as the lights come up following the Lord’s Prayer.
Leader: This holy night shines with the brightness of the true Light.
All: May the light of Christ cast out the darkness.

**HYMN Silent Night, Holy Night!**

1 Silent night, holy night!
   All is calm, all is bright
   round yon virgin mother and child.
   Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
   sleep in heavenly peace,
   sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night!
   Shepherds quake at the sight.
   Glories stream from heaven afar
   Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
   Christ, the Saviour is born,
   Christ, the Saviour is born.

3 Silent night, holy night!
   Son of God, love’s pure light
   radiant beams from your holy face,
   with the dawn of redeeming grace,
   Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
   Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

Leader: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the Light of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen

**HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED AT 11 P.M.**
Please see insert.

**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 and ever. Amen
Benediction
Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen (spoken)

Hymn Joy to the World
1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
   Let earth receive her King!
   Let ev’ry heart prepare him room
   And heav’n and nature sing,
   And heav’n and nature sing,
   And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

2 He rules the world with truth and grace,
   And makes the nations prove
   The glories of his righteousness,
   And wonders of his love,
   And wonders of his love,
   And wonders, wonders of….his….love.

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude St. Andrew’s Orchestra

Today’s Music
St. Andrew’s Orchestra; Charles Gray, director
Olivia Schurke, soloist
St. Andrew’s Choir and New Dimension Singers; Jan Gilbertson, director
High School Choir; Andy Haase director
Kristin Chouinard, pianist
Bill Chouinard, organist

Livestream Broadcast
The Christmas Eve livestream broadcasts at 7 and 10 p.m. are sponsored by the Family of Jim Walline.

Bulletin Cover
“Sanctus” by Robyn Sand Anderson. “Sanctus” depicts the holy family enveloped in the pure light at the birth of the Christ Child and in the multi-colored rays of God’s light reflected in our world. Robyn Sand Anderson, from Redwood Falls, MN, has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Art and Art Education from Luther College in Decorah, IA.

Merry Christmas!
Welcome to Christmas at St. Andrew’s! Please join us again for worship — our worship services and times are on the next page. We wish you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Worship at St. Andrew’s

Traditional Worship
Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship
Saturday 5 p.m. Great Hall
Sunday 8:45 & 10:15 a.m. Great Hall

The Depot Church, Hugo
Sunday 5:15 p.m. Oneka Elementary

Nursery care (ages birth to 5) at all services.