



S A I N T A N D R E W ' S C H A P E L

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 24th, 2017

5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

The prelude is a sacred curtain dropped between the world and the sanctuary. The dimming of the lights is the signal for the congregation to observe silence. During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary. (Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)



PRELUDE

Pastoral Symphony G.F. Handel
Noel Variants M. Dupre
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming J. Brahms
Saint Andrew's Strings and Organ

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor J.S. Bach
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor.
Saint Andrew's Chancel, Chamber, and Youth Choirs

CALL TO SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

Luke 1:46-50

Minister: *May our souls magnify the Lord, and may our spirits rejoice in God our Savior, for He who is mighty has done great things. Holy is His name and His mercy is for those who fear Him—from generation to generation.*

* Those who are able, please stand.
Scripture reading may be found on page 857 of the pew Bible.

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL N° 208
O Come, All Ye Faithful Latin hymn/ADESTE FIDELES

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15

*CAROL N° 195
Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come I. Watts/G.F. Handel/ANTIOCH

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 9:6-7

ANTHEM

Candlelight Carol J. Rutter

How do you capture the wind on the water?
How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother,
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

Refrain

Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star glow
Shine on His cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore Him,
Seraphim round Him their vigil will keep;
Nations proclaim Him their Lord and their Saviour,
But Mary will hold Him and sing Him to sleep. Refrain

Find Him at Bethlehem laid in a manger:
Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay
God incarnate and hope of salvation:
A child with His mother that first Christmas Day. Refrain

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THIRD LESSON Luke 2:8-16

OFFERINGS & OFFERTORY

O Holy Night! C. De Roquemaure/A. Adam

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining.
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born,
O night divine! O night, O night divine.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led the light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from the Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger;
In all our trials is born to be our friend;

He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger,
Behold your King! Before the lowly bend!
Behold your King! Your King before Him bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother.
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! Then ever, ever praise we,
His power and glory ever more proclaim!
His power and glory ever more proclaim!

Tina Van Meggelen, soprano

*READING OF SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-21

SERMON Dr. Burk Parsons
"The Birth of Jesus Christ"

CONGREGATIONAL CANDLELIGHTING N° 210
Silent Night! Holy Night! J. Mohr/F. Gruber/STILLE NACHT

*RECESSIONAL CAROL N° 203
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing C. Wesley/F. Mendelssohn/MENDELSSOHN

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE
Presto from Organ Concerto G.F. Handel
Terry Yount and Josiah Armes, organ

Announcements

Welcome Visitors ▶ We are grateful that you have joined us today. Please let our greeters, ushers, or deacons know if you have any questions or need assistance. Information about the church can be found at the welcome table in the narthex.

Deacon’s Fund Offering ▶ **Sunday, December 31st** On the fifth Sunday of the month, a special offering is taken for the Deacon’s Fund, which is used to help those in need both in our church body and local community. If you would like to contribute, please be sure to specify “Deacon’s Fund” in the memo line of your check.

Bible Study ▶ A Bible study on *The Components of Salvation* led by Lionel Largmann will meet in Sanford at the Lake Forest clubhouse from 7:00-8:15 pm on December 27th and January 11th. Lake Forest is a gated community, so please call or text Lionel to register for each session no later than 4:00 pm on the date of the study.

Saint Andrew’s Conservatory of Music ▶ Spring registration is open for private instruction through the Conservatory of Music. Lessons are offered on piano, organ, violin, cello, flute, trumpet, and voice. The spring semester begins on January 8th. Visit saintandrewsconservatory.org for more information and to register.

Communicant’s Class ▶ **Begins Sunday, January 14th, 9:30 am, Room 8** Parents who believe that their children have exercised saving faith in Christ are encouraged to enroll their children in the communicant’s class. Please sign up online at www.sachapel.com. For more information, contact the church office at 407-328-1139.

Women’s Discipleship Groups ▶ Titus 2 Discipleship groups will be forming again in January 2018. If you are interested in a small group setting where you can grow with both older and younger women in the knowledge and understanding of Biblical womanhood and God’s purposeful design for you in the home, the church, and the world you can sign up at www.sachapel.com. or call Susan Bennett at 407-328-1139. These small groups will meet in a home setting in various locations.

Women’s Bible Study Discipleship ▶ **“Judges: Forgetful People, Faithful God”** The next weekly discipleship classes will be offered on Monday evenings beginning January 29th from 6:15 pm-8:15 pm as well as Thursday mornings beginning January 25th from 9:15 am-11:15 am. Books will be available for purchase in January. Please sign up at www.sachapel.com. Childcare is provided for ages four and under in the morning class only.

Listening Devices ▶ Those who have difficulty hearing during the worship service are welcome to borrow a listening device from the sound booth, located in the center of the sanctuary. Please pick up your device before the announcements begin (9:20 and 10:50 am) and return the devices to the sound booth after the service. Those who have their own devices can set them to the 98.5 FM frequency during the service.

Sanctuary Cry Rooms ▶ For parents of infants and small children, the south-side cry room in the sanctuary, on the right when facing the front, is designated as a nursing room for nursing mothers only. The larger cry room on the north side is available to mothers, fathers, and their babies, but for mothers who prefer more privacy, the nursing room is available.

Donations to Supported Ministries ▶ For the month of December, we are collecting baby items for the Pregnancy Center of Sanford and Oviedo’s Earn While You Learn program. Donations baby care items may be placed in the collection bin under the covered pavilion.

Book of the Month ▶ Each month, the pastors of Saint Andrew’s will recommend a book for you to consider reading. The book for the month of December is *Child in the Manger* by Sinclair B. Ferguson. This book is available for purchase in the bookstore at the special price of \$12.

WE AFFIRM THE “SOLAS” OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

Sola Scriptura: The Bible is the sole written divine revelation and alone can bind the conscience of believers absolutely.

Sola Fide: Justification is by faith alone. The merit of Christ, imputed to us by faith, is the sole ground of our acceptance by God, by which our sins are remitted, and imputed to Christ.

Solus Christus: Christ is the only mediator through Whose work we are redeemed.

Sola Gratia: Our salvation rests solely on the work of God’s grace for us.

Soli Deo Gloria: To God alone belongs the glory.

“Saint Andrew’s has been self-consciously designed to reflect and recapture historic and classical worship. We see worship as an act of offering sacrifice and praise to God. This is our priority: to worship God according to how He commands, not according to what may be popular in a particular culture in a particular time. Central to our worship is the proclamation of the Word of God by way of biblical exposition. Saint Andrew’s stands in the tradition of Reformation faith and practice.” — R.C. Sproul

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