



SAINT ANDREW’S CHAPEL

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21st, 2025

9:30 and 11:00 a.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 non-medical electronic devices.)



He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:11-13

PRELUDE

The Sleep of the Infant Jesus
A Spotless Rose

G. Martin/D. Pace
H. Howells/D. Pace

Sinfonia

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

Comfort, Comfort

Text: J. G. Olearius, tr. C. Winkworth Music: FREU DICH SEHR/arr. J. Ferguson

“Comfort, comfort now my people;
Tell of peace!” So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness
Mourning under sorrow’s load.
To God’s people now proclaim
That God’s pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over;
God will reign in peace forever!

✙ Those who are able, please stand.
* Please sign and pass the black attendance registers when the offering is collected.
Scripture reading may be found on page 1011 of the pew Bible.
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Straight shall be what long was crooked,
And the rougher places plain!
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits His holy reign!
For the glory of the Lord
Now on earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That God’s word is never broken.

Chancel Choir

CALL TO SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

Psalms 149:1, 4

Minister: *Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.*

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Nº 203

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN/st. 3 arr. D. Willcocks

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Sanctus*

F. Schubert

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Unison: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The word *catholic* refers to the universal church

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN

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In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

*OFFERINGS & OFFERTORY

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Text: P. Brooks

Music: D. German

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.

How silently, how silently the wondrous Gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav’n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend on us we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY (OLD HUNDREDTH)

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Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*READING OF SCRIPTURE

James 2:1-7

SERMON

Stephen Adams

“The Riches of Faith”

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

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God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

GOD REST YOU MERRY

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Allegro from Concerto Grosso no. 8

A. Corelli

Sinfonia

Following the benediction, let us greet and welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us, for the glory of God (Romans 15:7), remembering what our Lord teaches us in the Scriptures: “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12).

Advent Evensong Worship Service 5:00 pm