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Order of Worship

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Catacombs of Rome (Priscilla)
First half of the third century

Christmas 1
December 27, 2015

A warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ, and a special welcome to all visitors and friends with us this morning. Please join us for refreshments including Fair Trade Coffee and a time of fellowship in St Andrew's Hall after the service and consider signing our visitors' pew cards or guest book by the Princess Street doors. Our church school resumes January 10th - children this morning are invited to pick up activity sheets in the sanctuary.

Prelude

Organist: Helen Lowe

Entry of Holy Scriptures

Call to Worship

Hymn Angels from the realms of glory #146

Prayer of Approach & 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Greetings & Announcements

The Christ Candle (insert)

Hymn O little town of Bethlehem #164

Time with Children

Scripture Readings

Kalista Clement

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6, 9

Acts 10:34-40

Revelation 22:1-5

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn Infant holy, infant lowly #143

Sermon 'The Cherry Tree Carol'

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn See amid the winter's snow #168

Benediction & Congregational Amen

Postlude

If you wish to leave during the Postlude, please do so quietly.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6, 9

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of
the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Acts 10:34-40

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear.

Revelation 22:1-5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Ushers

Alberta Saunders, Doreen Henshaw,
Shirley & Rhonda Aitken

Cherry Tree Carol (c.1400 Judy Collins)

Joseph was an old man
An old man was he
When he married Virgin Mary
in the land of Galilee ...

Joseph and Mary
Walked through an orchard green
Where were berries and cherries
As thick as might be seen ...

Then bespoke Mary in a voice meek and mild
Pluck me one cherry, Joseph,
For I am with child ...

Oh, then bespoke Joseph in a voice most unkind
Let him pluck thee a cherry
that brought thee with child ...

Oh, then bespoke the babe
within his mother's womb,
Bow down the tallest tree,
That my mother may have some ...

Then bowed down the tallest tree
Unto his mother's hand
She said, "See, Joseph, I have cherries
at command" ...

Then Mary plucked a cherry
as red as any blood
Mary, she went homeward
all with her heavy load ...

As Joseph was a walkin'
He heard an angel sing
"This night on earth there shall
be born your heavenly king" ...

Then Mary took her young son
and put him on her knee
Saying, "Dearest son tell me
just how this world shall be" ...

Oh, I shall be as dead, mother,
as the stones are in the wall,
Oh, the stones in the street, mother,
shall sorrow for me all ...

On Easter Day, dear mother,
my rising up shall be
And the sun and the moon, mother,
Shall both arise with me ...

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