

Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church

Sanctuary

January 12, 2024

10 AM

First Sunday of Epiphany

“The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

To all who received him, he gave power to become children of God.” John 1: 14, 12

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Bill Holda

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

ALBERT BAYLY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Through signs of grace, our Holy and Eternal One revealed
Its glory to all the world.

**We open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders our Lord performs,
that we may believe with our minds and trust in our hearts.**

We gather together in the knowledge
and comfort that God alone is Lord of all creation.

**Through Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray, sing, and
worship together, Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***HYMN – No. 612**

“We Praise You, O God”

KREMSEY

***CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, in baptism, you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain
preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome
one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage.**

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.

**Remind us of your promises in baptism so we may
rise to new life and live together in grace.**

(A time of silence for personal confession and peaceful prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

By grace, you have been saved through faith
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

(Eph. 2:8)

I declare to you that we are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ!

Thanks be to God.

As God's people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind.
Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you.
And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget
to be thankful for what Christ has done for you.

***SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(A time for silence for continued prayer and reflection.)

ENGAGING WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Send us your Holy Spirit, O God, that these words might speak to us as your
word, and our lives bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

The Lord bless the reading of these words.

The Lord bless the hearing of these words

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 12:1-11

Holy wisdom, holy words.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN – No. 652

“A Grateful Heart”

ROCKINGHAM

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:14-30

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Others: Sidon, Syria, and Samaria”

Rev. David F. Judd

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

INVITATION AND OFFERING TO GOD

COMMISSIONING OF TRUSTEE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS OF 2026 & 2027
Presentation and Statement on Ordination and Installation

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Nicene Creed**

Let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS *(Please see insert.)*

LAYING ON HANDS

Ordination of Alan Peters and Julia Archer

Installation of Ruling Elder

THE SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides.

You made us in your image and called us to be your people.....

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn 562

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

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heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Baptized in Jordan's waters, Jesus took his place with sinners

and your voice proclaimed him your beloved.....

Therefore we rejoice and declare Great is the mystery of faith:

Hymn 563

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and by your Spirit

unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name,

that we may be one in ministry in every place.

Through Christ we lift up these and all our prayers....

***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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen.

Hymn 564

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, SHARING THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*HYMN - No. 482

“Baptized in Water”

BUNESSAN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Let All Things Now Living”

ASHGROVE

Announcements

Welcome friends! May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

Communion—all are welcome. The newly elected officers will serve today. The next communion is on February 9.

Wednesday Night Live meal is served at 6 p.m. Please call or email the church office by noon on Tuesday to RSVP. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. The menu for the coming week includes garlic roasted chicken, sides, salad, dessert, and drink.

Meals with Love will deliver meals on Tuesday, January 14. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our coordinator, Janet Martin, at 903-237-8295.

Longview Community Ministries 2025 “Souper” Bowl of Caring **Food Drive** runs through February 9. Drop off canned goods and non-perishable items at the church to support our community!

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Constitutional Questions

Robin, Julia, Alan, and Quita, in baptism you were claimed by the love of God, clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ, and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share Christ's mission in the world. Now, you are called by God through the voice of the church for new service and ministry in Jesus' name. In accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), show your commitment to this calling by responding to these questions: Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do, and I will.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will. With God's help.**

Questions to the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept Robin Burns, Julia Archer, Alan Peters, and Quita Russell as elders chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Do we, the members of the church agree to respect the decision and wisdom of the Session and Trustees as they faithfully execute the affairs and care of this church, its building and assets as they serve Jesus Christ, who is alone the Head of the Church? **We do.**