

Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH

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Ark Aid Mission

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January 5, 2025
Second Sunday after Christmas
10:30 am



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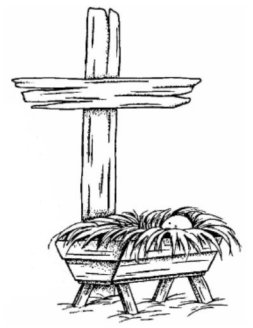
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Welcome



Together we all make up the family of First-St. Andrew's.
If you are new to the family, please know that
you are always welcome here.

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Gathering Music:

Night Tune
Midnight Blues

Chris Fischer (they/them), piano
Joe Utterback

Welcome and Announcements

Chris Fischer

One: God is with us,
ALL: all the time,
One: and all the time,
ALL: God is with us.

Outreach Moment:

Pat Pettit

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Lighting the Candles

Candle Lighting Hymn: VU #366 like a child

LIKE A CHILD

Call to Worship:

Christina Lindsay (she/her)

One: Come let us praise our God and Creator.
ALL: Who has given us every spiritual blessing in Christ
One: Come let us praise Christ our saviour
ALL: Who has redeemed us by the riches of God's grace.
One: Come let us praise Spirit
ALL: Who marks us as beloved heirs
One: Come with wisdom and understanding
Let us hope in Christ together
ALL: And praise God forever.

Opening Prayer:

Our shepherd, you gather and watch over your flocks.
You bring your people back from exile.
You deliver us from our enemies.
You make us like well-watered gardens and turn our mourning into joy.
Grant us this day the gift of coming home to you and to your purposes,
so that we might live together in joy and gratitude.
Amen.

***Hymn:** VU #87 I Am the Light of the World - verses 1-3

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

No Children's Time today.

Children should head down to Sunday School during the singing of the last verse.

Scripture: Psalm 143: 1-11

Joan Bancroft

Musical Reflection: Nunc Dimittis in G

Charles Villiers Stanford

Choir; Soloist: Alastair Smyth (he/him), baritone

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace,
according to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
And to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end, world without end,

Amen, Amen.

***Scripture:** Philippians 2: 5-11

Sarah Campbell, Executive Director
Ark Aid Street Mission

Message

***Hymn:** VU #595 We Are Pilgrims

SERVANT SONG

*Please use alternate text (verses 2 & 6) "Will you" instead of "Sister," "Brother,"

Prayers of the People:

Sarah Campbell

Prayer of Jesus: *from Casa del Sol, Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, New Mexico*

Ground of all being, Mother of Life, Father of the universe,
Your name is sacred, beyond speaking.

May we know your presence,
may your longings be our longings
in heart and in action

May there be food for the human family today
and for the whole earth community.

forgive us the falseness of what we have done
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.

Do not forsake us in our time of conflict
but lead us into new beginnings.

For the light of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life
are yours now and forever. Amen.

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Musical Offering: The Old Year Has Passed
Chris Fischer, organ

J. S. Bach

Gratitude:

Sarah Campbell

***Hymn:** VU #327 All Praise to Thee

SINE NOMINE

Blessing:

**The light of God surrounds us;
The love of God enfolds us;
The power of God protects us;
The presence of God watches over us;
Wherever we are, God is!**

Sending Music: I Travel on in Peace and Joy
Chris Fischer, organ

J. S. Bach

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Susan Bell, Jean & Ken Wright and Ron White
Narthex Co-ordinator: Carol Riddell-Elson
Service Support: George Jolink
Tech Team: Jim Silcox Kathryn & Rebecca Skelly and Chris Wood
Coffee & Conversation: Membership & Nurture Committee
Gift Card Table: Barb Dalrymple and David Wake

We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.