

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you and Happy New Year!

The staff of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church would like to thank you for your kindness to us in the love gifts you gave us.

- ✦ Trinity Cafe: January 2nd, and 18th.
- ✦ Mission and Outreach Committee: Tuesday, January 9, 2018
- ✦ Bible Study "The Battle Plan for Prayer": Every Tuesday evening in January, at 7:00pm in the classroom.
- ✦ Presbyterian Women: Potluck and Bible Study, Wednesday, January 10th, 6:30pm
- ✦ Haiti Mission Trip: January 13-20, 2018
- ✦ Afternoon at the Straz: Sunday, March 4th, 2:00pm to see *Forever Plaid*. Tickets are \$39.00. Will meet for lunch prior. Please Contact Larry Thorley for more information.

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Paula Salter

Larry Wheeler

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Clerk of Session:

Kay Reinhold

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Glorify God. Enjoy God. Live Christ's Love



1st Sunday after Christmas
December 31, 2017

*Celebration Fund Celebrates
December*

<i>The birth of Jesus Christ</i>	
<i>Celebration Fund</i>	
<i>Total.....</i>	<i>\$9,449.00</i>



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WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed His star at its rising, and have come to pay Him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was perturbed, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found Him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay Him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another path.

🕒 **Gathering Hymn** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Time for Young Disciples

WE PREPARE OURSELVES TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

~silence for personal confession~

Assurance of Pardon

Response "What Child Is This?" *Hymnal #53*

THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Sermon "What's Your 2018 Word?"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People and 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.

Call to Offering

We Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

🕒 **Doxology**

🕒 **Prayer of Dedication**

🕒 **Sending Song** "Go, Tell It On the Mountain"

Hymn #29

🕒 **Benediction**

🕒 **Postlude**