



December 21, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
standrewspb.org
Come as you are!

Welcome

Opening Hymn

O Day of Peace

Josh Garrels

1. O day of peace that dim - ly shines Through all our
2. May swords of hate fall from our hands, Our hearts from
3. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, Nor shall the
4. Then e - ne - mies shall learn to love, All crea - tures
3
hopes and prayers and dreams, Guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
en - vy find re - lease, Til by God's grace our war - ring
fierce de - vour the small; As beasts and cat - tle calm - ly
find their true ac - cord; The hope of peace shall be ful -
6
love, De - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes.
world Shall see Christ's pro - mised reign of peace.
graze, A lit - tle child shall lead them all.
filled, For all the earth shall know the Lord.

© Josh Garrels

Opening Acclamation

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again? Where do we start?

Let us begin with our faithful God.

Let us begin with remembering we are known, we are seen, we are loved.

Even when the path of our life is anything but clear,

let us trust the One Who Walk With Us.

Let us begin with faith.

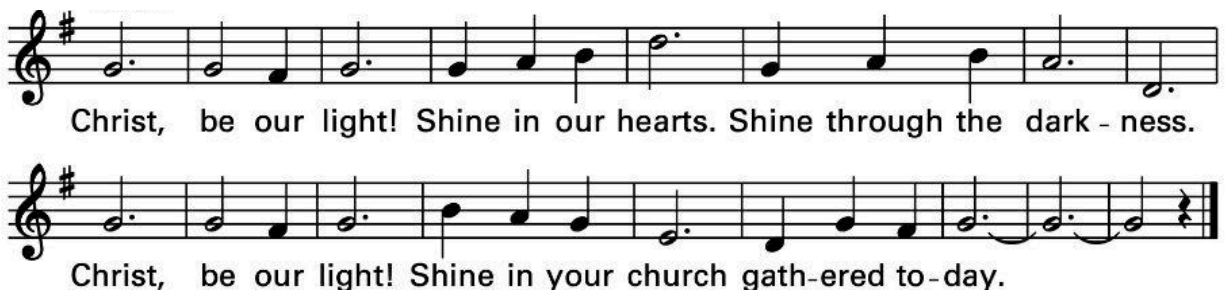
Yes, let us start with faith.

Today we light the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love.

May the warmth of these lights be our cornerstone.

May the truth in these lights help us begin again.

May it be so! **Amen.**



© 1993, Bernadette Farrell. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

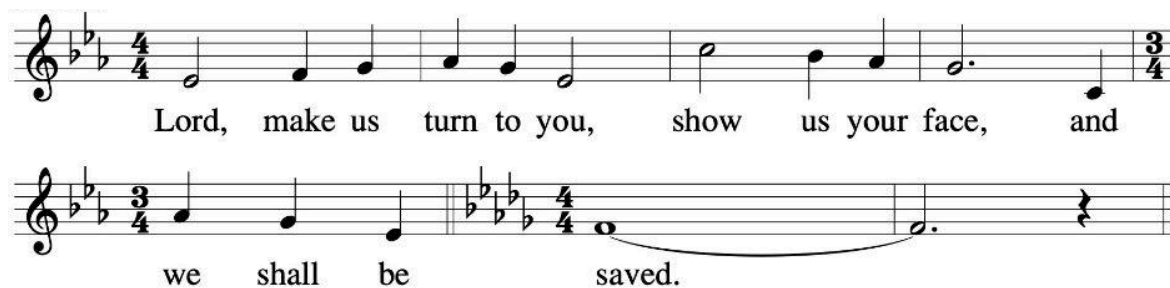
Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80

The cantor sings the refrain once, then all join in.



1. Shepherd of Israel, hearken from your throne and shine forth,
O rouse your power, and come to save us.
2. We are your chosen vine, only by your care do we live,
reach out your hand, O Lord, unto your people.
3. If you will dwell with us, we shall live anew in your love,
O shine upon us, great Lord of life.
4. Lord, we are present here, show us your kindness and love,
O speak your word of peace unto your people.

Text: Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-20; Psalm 85:9-14; Luke 1:46-55; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen
© 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

Second Lesson

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Gradual Hymn



Music: Based on VENI EMMANUEL, Stephen Pishner, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Jeff Martinhawk

The Creed

A “creed” is a statement of belief. This song is a rewriting of an ancient creed, the Nicene Creed, written by Christians in 325 AD. We don’t see these as things everyone must believe in order to belong to this church community. Rather, they are the framework for our curiosity, and the claims that ground our faith.



1. We be-lieve in God al-migh-ty, au - thor of all things that be.
2. We be-lieve that Je - sus suf - fer'd, scourg'd and scorn'd and cru - ci - fied;
3. We be-lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-in—
5 Mak - er of the earth and heavens, keep - er of the sky and sea.
tak - en from the cross was bur - ied, True life there had tru - ly died.
one church cath - 'lic one church ho - ly where for - give - ness frees from sin;
9 We be-lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,
We be-lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,
in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain
13 of the Spir - it and of Ma - ry born to bring a - bund - ant life. then
as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

Music: GREENSLEEVES 8.7.9.7. with Chorus, Traditional English Melody, 16th Century; © Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan

Prayers of the People

Just and merciful Judge of peoples and of hearts, you tell us to beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks, and promise that nation shall not lift up sword against nation.

Stir up your power and come:

Be born anew in us.

Yet we still hear of wars and rumors of wars, of oppression and hatred, of rage and every kind of evil. And so we cry out, O God, and ask, When will it end? When will your reign of peace begin?

Stir up your power and come:

Be born anew in us.

Hear the cries of your people, O God, as we pray for justice, as we pray for healing, as we pray for peace, in words that are spoken aloud and those held in the silence of our hearts.

Stir up your power and come:

Be born anew in us.

We pray for those who have died, especially those we now name *(pause)*.

Stir up your power and come:

Be born anew in us.

We pray for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we now name *(pause)*.

Stir up your power and come:

Be born anew in us.

We give thanks for your promise that the day is coming when every person and nation will walk in your holy light, and your great love will rule every heart. For what else shall we give thanks this day? *(pause)*

Stir up your power and come:

Be born anew in us.

All the earth, seas, and heavens are yours, and we pray these prayers because you have promised to listen to us. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Week after week, we remember the truth - that we are not perfect; that we hurt each other, that others have hurt us; and that there is power in telling the truth in love. As a body, we lament the brokenness within ourselves and in our world, and recommit to living lives of justice and peace. The priest says out loud what is already true - God forgives you; forgive yourself, forgive others.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The people exchange signs of peace - a hug, a high-five, a peace sign, or a wave.

Community Announcements

The Offertory

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." (*Isaiah 40:3*)

If you would like to make a gift to St. Andrew's, please place your offering in the basket provided. You can also give online at standrewspb.org/give-to-st-andrews or scan this QR code to go straight to our giving page. Thank you!

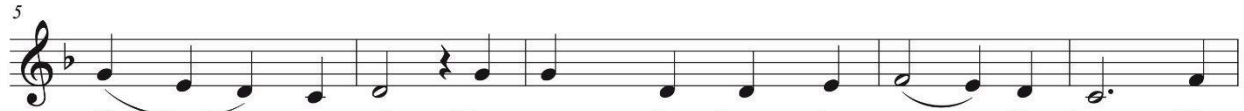


Offertory Hymn

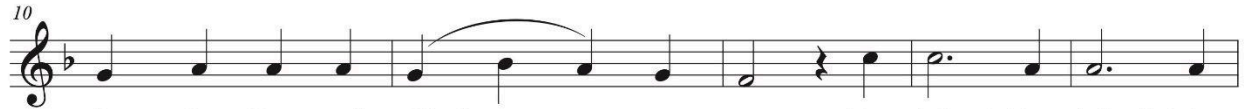
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, O King of na - tions, bind In one the hearts of
3. O come, O Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by your
4. O come, O Wis - dom from_ on high, From depths that hide with-
5. O come, O Splen - dor ver - y bright, As joy that nev - er
6. O come, O Christ, with mer-cy and grace, Make strong the weak and



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here Un-
hum - an - kind. Bid all our sad di - vi - sions cease And
pres - ence here. And cause your light on us_ to shine That
in_ a sigh, To tem - per know-ledge with_ our care, To
yields_ to might. O come, and turn all hearts to peace, That
heal the hum - an race, The hun - gry feed, the need - y clothe That



til the Son of God_ ap - pear. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-
be for us our Prince_ of Peace. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-
you may be our com-for - ter and guide. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-
ren - der ev - 'ry act_ a prayer. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-
greed and war at last_ shall cease. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-
by ex - am - ple we will learn to love. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-



man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el._
man - u - el Shall come with - in as Peace_ to dwell._
man - u - el Shall come with - in as Light_ to dwell._
man - u - el Shall come with - in as Hope_ to dwell._
man - u - el Shall come with - in as Truth_ to dwell._
man - u - el Shall come with - in as Love_ to dwell._

Music: Veni Emmanuel, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode I. Original Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent, translated by John M. Neale (1851)
Alt and additional text from Singing the Living Tradition and Katie Cavallo. Verse 5: Steve Cook and Bob Kauflin © 2014 Sovereign Grace Praise (BMI)/Sovereign Grace Worship (ASCAP), Verse 6: Cynthia A. Douglas

When the offering is brought to the front, we stand and sing together:

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; _____ praise God all crea-tures

here__ be - low; _____ praise God, a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: _____ Cre-

a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly - Ghost. _____ A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1674 & First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Bellingham, Washington USA
© Music: Veni Emanuel, Arr. by Katie Cavallo Rholl, 2022

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please stand, as able.

God 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.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

7 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

13 san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

21 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

27 san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

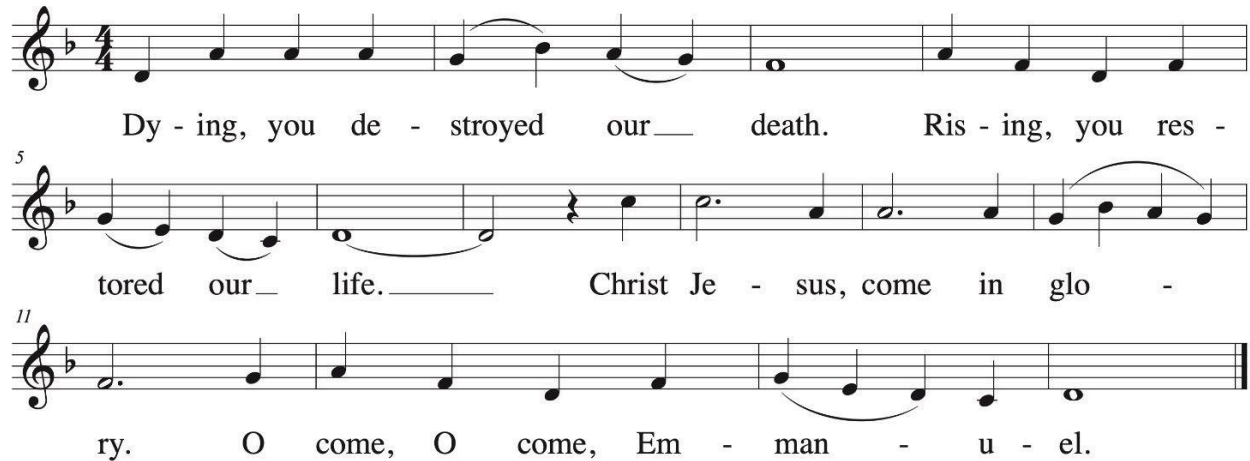
Missa Emmanuel, Richard Proulx © 1991, GIA Publications, Inc. Arr. by Katie Cavallo

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: **“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: **“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the incarnation, the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:



Text: Trad. liturgical text, Music: Misa Emanuel arr. by Katie Cavallo Rholl © Katie Cavallo Rholl, 2022.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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 trespasses,**

**as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world.

7 1, 2. 3.

Have mer - cy on us. grant us peace.

The musical score is written on two staves. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of the anthem. The second staff begins with a measure rest for 7 measures, followed by two measures for the first ending (labeled '1, 2.'), a repeat sign, and then three measures for the second ending (labeled '3.'). The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Music: Missa Emmanuel, adapt. by Robert J. Batastini, Arr. by Katie Cavallo Rholl © 2011, GIA Publications, Inc.



Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith you are welcome to receive the bread and wine made holy. The minister will dip the bread into the wine and then place it in your hands. If you need gluten-free wafers, please say "gluten free" to the person distributing bread. If you prefer to receive the bread only (and not wine), please say "bread only." Let an usher know if you would like a minister to bring communion to you in your seat.

Communion Music

The Unraveling

Benjamin Jay Thomas

VERSE



1. Is - ra - el cried pa - tient through her pain "Let your face shine
 2. A pro-phe-cy, a sign com - ing to life Fig trees bloom with



and let us be saved. Tear the hea - vens wide and stream Glo-ry to our
 life in mid - Ju - ly Tem - ple walls will crack and cave O - pen-ing our

REFRAIN



eyes" All we claim to know and All the ways we try to de-fine
 eyes



God are being un - rav - eled are being un - rav -



- eled are being un - rav - eled



Wel-come the for - eig-ner Break down the walls



A child will be born to bring hope to us all

© Benjamin Jay Thomas

Communion Music

God In Us

Canon

1. 2. 3.

You are the Light of the World; Shine in our dark-ness.

Em-man-u-el, God with us, God in us.

Text and Music by Katie Cavallo Rholl, For use by St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church in San Diego, CA © Katie Cavallo Rholl 2022.

Blessings and Celebrations

If you're celebrating a birthday, an anniversary of a wedding or sobriety, or another event, you are invited to come forward for prayer. We hold space to pray for joyous occasions as well as difficult milestones.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand. Comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful. Raise them up if they fall. And in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of the One, Holy, and Living God be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Sending Song:

I Will Wait

Mumford & Sons

VERSES:



1. Now I come home like a stone And I fall heav -
 2. So break my step and re - lent You for - gave -
 3. Now I'll be bold as well as strong Use my head -



- y in - to your arms These days of dust which we've
 - and I won't for - get Know what we've seen and them with
 - a - long - side my heart So take my flesh and fix my



known will blow a - way _____ with this new _____ sun
 less now in some way, _____ shake the ex - cess
 eyes that te - thered - mind _____ free from the lies



And I'll _____ kneel down wait for now _____ And



I'll _____ kneel down know my ground _____ And

REFRAIN:



I will wait, I will wait for you. And I will wait, I will wait for you. (to verses)

© Mumford & Sons

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, welcome! We're so glad you're here. Please stop by our welcome table after the service to learn more about us, and let us learn about you. We are a church community rooted in Jesus, and committed to these core values: joyful authenticity, radical inclusion, grounded curiosity, and loving justice.

Permission to reprint, podcast, and/or stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-739913. All rights reserved.

Community Announcements

Christmas Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of Christmas flowers, please use the envelopes provided in the pews or make a donation online with a note for the dedication. Only dedications received prior to December 19th will be printed in the bulletins.

Eucharistic Visitor Available for Home Visits

If you or someone you know from St. Andrew's is home bound and would like a Eucharistic visit, please email the church to make a request. info@standrewspb.org

Greening of the Church-December 21st following the service

Please plan to stay after church TODAY to get the Sanctuary prepped and ready for Christmas. We will have some vegetarian taco soup available for volunteers.

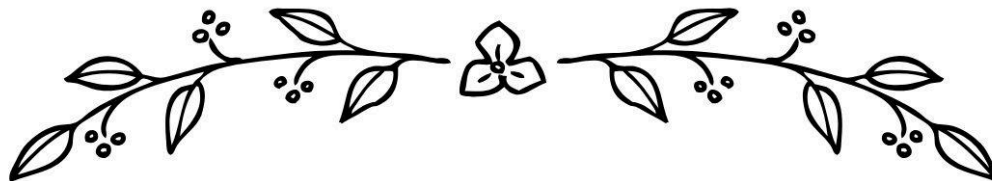
PROCLAIM- Youth Epiphany Camp

The most anticipated weekend of the program year is coming! Epiphany Youth Retreat— a weekend filled with fun, friends, and faith. This year we will continue to explore the year's theme, PROCLAIM, with programming around knowing yourself and sharing God's love in the world. The retreat includes two nights' accommodations at Camp Stevens, five delicious meals, campfires, games, hiking, crafts, worship, friends, laughter and more!

Held at Camp Stevens from 1:00 p.m. February 14, 2026 - 10 a.m. February 16, 2026
Cost: \$175 (grace-based pricing available) *Registration closes January 14th*

Rebel Women- break for the holidays

Bible Study will resume on January 7th at 9:30 am.



CELEBRATE
Christmas
AT ST. ANDREW'S
BY-THE-SEA

Christmas Eve 5:00pm

all-ages service with
no-rehearsal pageant

Christmas Eve 7:30pm

candlelight service

Christmas Morning 10:30 am

casual service - wear your pajamas!

1050 THOMAS AVE., PACIFIC BEACH
STANDREWSPB.ORG

