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Vision statement:

Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit our vision is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, by members joining together in leadership and learning, to develop Spiritual gifts and to extend these gifts into the community as true servants of God.

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January 1, 2006 The Sunday Before Epiphany 10:00 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

The Lighting of the Candles
Welcome and Announcements, Exchange of Greetings

The Introit

"Glorify Thy Name"

Chancel Choir

The Church in Adoration

The Call to Worship

Leader: Arise! Shine, for your light has come!
People: **The glory of the Lord has risen among us.**
Leader: In Jesus Christ, God has shown us love,
Giving light to illuminate our darkness, and strength for all our days.
People: **Let us open our eyes to the presence of God.**
Leader: Let our hearts rejoice and be radiant with hope.

Opening Prayer *(in Unison)*

Radiant God, in Christ Jesus you reveal the light of your love for all people. Through Christ you heal our wounded spirits. You bind up our brokenness and offer us new life. Rejoicing in your love for the world, we rise to praise you, together with people of all nations. All glory to you, O God! All glory to Christ Jesus, our Lord! Amen.

*The Opening Hymn #192 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" Montgomery
(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the center aisle.)

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Gracious God, you call us to share the light of Christ's love, but we prefer to live in the shadow of our own sin and need. We would rather cling to our hurts than heed your call to forgive. We would rather serve ourselves than serve you. In your mercy, forgive us Lord. Cleanse us of our sin and empower us to shine forth with your radiant love, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession

*The people will rise in body or spirit

The Assurance of Pardon

The Congregation Sings in Response

“Gloria Patri”

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. Amen. Amen.

The Message to Young Christians

Rev. Meloy

The Congregation Sings in Response

“Open Our Eyes”

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Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus.

The Prayers for the People and 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.

The Church in Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1 - 6

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Matthew 2:1 - 12

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Emmanuel Has Come”

Chancel Choir

The Sermon

Rev. Merry Hope Meloy

***The Hymn #202**

“We Three Kings”

Hopkins

The Church Responds

The Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He

ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offertory Invitation

The riches God entrusts to us cannot bring joy when they are tightly held and hoarded. They are a delight only when shared before the manger. With open hands and open hearts, let us bring before the Lord our gifts and offerings.

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers, returning them to the center aisle.)

The Offertory

“Celebrate His Birth”

Chancel Choir

***The Congregation Sings in Response**

#6 “Praise God,…”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Prayer of Dedication *(In Unison)

Like the wise men of old, we bring you our gifts, O Lord. Use these offerings and our lives to further your ministry. Empower us to be instruments of your peace, compassion, and justice. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Closing Hymn #200**

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

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***The Benediction**

***The Benediction Response**

“3-Fold Amen”

Chancel Choir

***The Postlude**

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~Welcome to Saint Andrews~

The Church Nursery is available for children through kindergarten age.

### Worship Leadership~

**Ushers:** Chuck Kohler Lila Albert Chris Cotton Ken Weckerly Scott O'Day

**Acolyte Next Week:** David Fleeger

**Liturgist Next Week:** Dan Veith

**Children's Sermon:** Rev. Meloy

**Children's Church:** None

**Flower Delivery:** Teri Ely

**The Flowers** today are given to the glory of God.

**Prayer Requests** can be made by using the purple prayer request cards found in the pew racks. Pass your requests to the center aisle during The Opening Hymn. They will be shared during the Prayers for the People and distributed to our Prayer Team to be included in this week's prayers.

**Restrooms:** Please use the left front entrance to the sanctuary and follow the hallway to the right. From the rear of the sanctuary, turn left and go downstairs. The restrooms are at the end of the hallway.

**Next Week:** Denise Hawks

**Next Week:** Ann Cirillo

**Next Week:** Laurie Festog

### Reports for last Sunday, December 25, 2005

**Giving** ~ Weekly Need: \$4,385

Received: The count had  
not been made at the time  
this bulletin was printed

**Attendance**

**Christmas Eve 174**  
**Christmas Day 60**

### New Flower Calendar Filling up Fast

The Flower Calendar for 2006 is hanging in the Narthex. If you would like to donate the flowers for one or more Worship Services, please sign up ASAP.

### Correction! Correction! Correction! Correction! Correction!

Rev. Meloy's Installation Service next Sunday, January 8, 2006, is at 4:00 PM and not at 10:00 AM, as reported in the December Newsletter.

### Men's Group Being Planned

A men's Bible study and discussion group is in the planning stages. If you would be interested in joining this group which will begin in the new year, or if you would like to help in the planning, please contact Dale Hutchison (724) 285-4194.

### Church activities

10:00 AM – Worship Service  
No Youth Group Today

No Tender Tots

9:30 – 11:30 AM – Tender Tots  
6:00 PM – Deacons  
7:30 PM – Children's Education Committee

9:30 – 11:30 AM – Tender Tots  
6:30 PM – "Cut N Pastors"

9:30 – 11:30 AM – Tender Tots  
6:15 PM – Hand Bells  
7:30 PM – Choir

9:30 – 11:30 AM – Tender Tots

9:00 AM – Sunday School  
10:00 AM – Worship Service  
4:00 PM - Installation Service for Rev. Meloy  
5:00 PM – Dinner following the Installation Service  
Youth Group following the dinner for Rev. Meloy

### This Week at Saint Andrews

Today, Sunday January 1, 2006  
News Years Day

**Monday, January 2, 2006**

**Tuesday, January 3, 2006**

**Wednesday, January 4 2006**

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – St. A's: Oats N Honey  
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Thursday, January 5, 2006**

6:00 PM – Cub Scouts

**Friday, January 6, 2006**

**Next Sunday, January 8, 2006**

### Community Activities

### Cut and Pastors is for Everyone!

Saint Andrews' newest fellowship group, the 'Cut and Pastors.' is starting this Wednesday. ***This group is open to everyone with an interest in scrap-booking.*** Whether you have never scrap-booked before, or have years of experience, we want you to join us. We will be meeting in the Memorial Room on Wednesday's in January at 6:30pm. Bring some scrapbook supplies, or just come, learn, and have fun!



### Poinsettias for the Smithtros

Poinsettias, given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smithtro by their family, were inadvertently left off of the Poinsettia list last week. I sincerely apologize to the family for this error.  
Kate Busa, Secretary

