

Hymn #198 "I Wonder As I Wander" Appalachian Carol  
(Verses 1, 3 & 4)

Hymn #167 "The First Noel" English Carol  
(Verses 1 – 3)

**The Church Responds**

**The Prayers of 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 Offertory Invitation**

Today God's voice is heard through the ministries we help to provide, here in our church, and in outreach to all the world's people. We bear witness to Christ's love through the gifts of our hands, the focus of our hearts, and the service of our lives. May all our giving be generous!

As the offering plates are being passed, please sign and pass the Friendship Registers located at the end of your pews. Thank you!

**The Offertory**

The Congregation Sings in Response "What Child Is This" Greensleeves  
(Verses 1 & 3)

**\*The Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)**

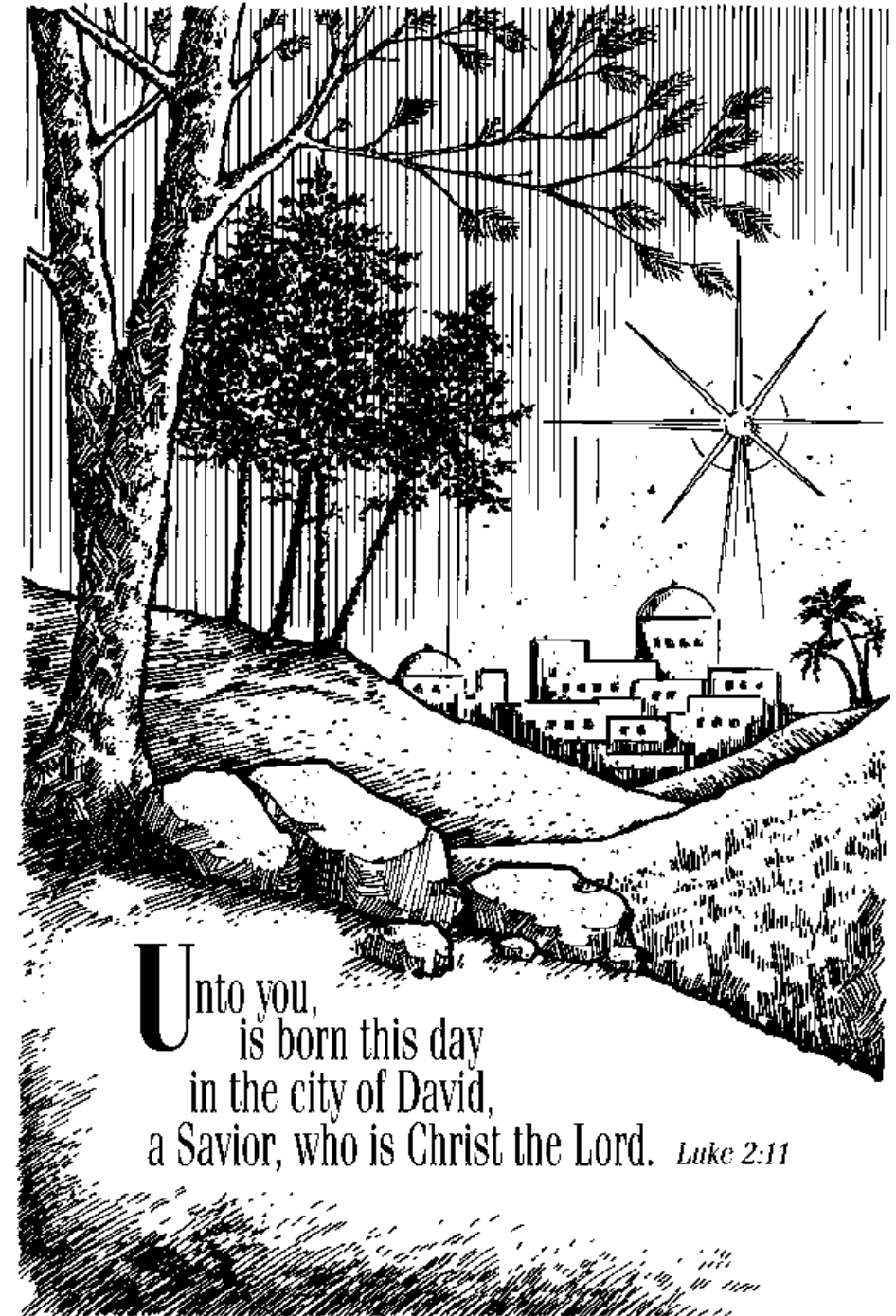
Son of Mary, Son of God, we offer you our praise, our gifts, our hearts, and our lives. May our words lead others to worship at your manger. May our actions reflect the radiance of your love. Amen.

**The Church Goes Forth to Serve**

\*The Hymn #181 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" African-American Spiritual

**\*The Benediction**

\*The Postlude ~~~~~



Unto you,  
is born this day  
in the city of David,  
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

10:30 AM

## The Church in Preparation

### The Prelude

The Lighting of the Candles  
Welcome and Announcements  
Exchange of Greetings

Kyle Hawks

### The Introit

### The Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is born,  
**People: Let us give him glory!**  
Leader: Christ has come down from heaven,  
**People: Let us receive him!**  
Leader: Christ is now on earth,  
**People: Let us exalt him!**  
Leader: Let all the earth sing to the Lord!  
**People: Let all people praise him in joy!**

### The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

**Gracious God, we gather at the manger with wonder and joy. In Christ, you come to the world a vulnerable, helpless babe. Born to a common family, without wealth, privilege, or power, you enter into the joy and the suffering of all humanity. You laugh and weep with us; you suffer and ache for us. You reach out to us with a love that will not let us go. Empower us to reach back to you with open hearts and trusting spirits. Amen.**

**\*The Opening Hymn #173** "Joy to the World" Antioch  
(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the center aisle.)

### The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

**O Heavenly Light, on this day the Word became flesh and moved into our neighborhood. We rise to greet you, but do not offer hospitality to all of your children. We are eager to sing praises to you, but slow to serve you by serving others. Draw us into your abundant mercy, and grant us your grace, that we might share your love with our neighbors and welcome the strangers in our midst. Amen.**

\*The people will rise in body or spirit

## A Time of Silent Confession

### The Assurance of Pardon

**Hymn #182** "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"  
(Verses 1 & 3) In Dulci Jubilo

### The Message to Young Christians

**Hymn #170** "Once in Royal David's City"  
(Verses 1 & 2) Pastor Merry  
Irby

## The Christmas Story in Word and Song

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2: 1 – 5 N.T. p. 58

**Hymn #169** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
(Verses 1, 3 & 4) St. Louis

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2: 6 – 7 N.T. p. 58

**Hymn #176** "Away in a Manger"  
(Verses 1 & 3) Murray

**Hymn #171** "Silent Night" Stille Nacht

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2: 8 – 14 N.T. p. 58

**Hymn #190** "Angels We Have Heard on High"  
(Verses 1 & 3) Gloria

**Special Music** "O Holy Night"  
Vocalist: Leanne Heaton Cantique de Noel

**Hymn #184** "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"  
(Verses 1 – 3) English Carol

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2: 15 – 20 N.T. p. 58

**This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, December 25, 2011**  
Christmas Day

No Sunday School  
10:30 AM –Worship, “The Christmas Story in Word and Song”

**Monday, December 26, 2011**  
Office Closed

**Tuesday, December 27, 2011**

**Wednesday, December 28, 2011**

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Faith Covenant UPC  
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Thursday, December 29, 2011**

No Canticle Ringers  
No Chancel Choir

**Friday, December 30, 2011**

**Saturday, December 31, 2011**  
New Years Eve

5:00 PM –Gallagher – Hiles Wedding

**Next Sunday, January 1, 2011**  
New Years Day

No Sunday School  
10:30 AM –Worship with Communion

**Reports for Sunday, December 18, 2011**

2011 Budgeted Operating Income to Date (Envelopes): \$ 156,923.08  
Operating Income (Envelope Giving) to Date: \$ 164,709.84  
Ahead of Budget: \$ 7,786.76  
Special Giving to Date: \$ 64,513.53  
Worship Attendance for December 18, 2011: 76



**Worship Leadership**

<b>Ushers:</b> Mary Ann Hazlett	Scott Hazlett	Carol Landis	Dave Landis
<b>Acolyte:</b> Kyle Hawks		<b>Next Week:</b> Kevin Golden	
<b>Liturgist:</b> Pastor Merry		<b>Next Week:</b> Susan Moon	
<b>Children’s Sermon:</b> Pastor Merry		<b>Next Week:</b> Susan Moon	
<b>Children’s Church:</b> No Children’s Church		<b>Next Week:</b> No Children’s Church	
<b>Flower Delivery:</b> All Deacons		<b>Next Week:</b> Vickie Swigart	
<b>Open the Church:</b> Jon McKay		<b>Next Week:</b> TBD	
<b>Close the Church:</b> Pastor Merry		<b>Next Week:</b> Scott Hazlett	

**The Flowers** today are given by Susan Race in celebration of Christ’s Birth.

**Prayer Requests** can be made by using the purple prayer request cards found in the pew racks. Please pass your requests to the center aisle during the Opening Hymn. They will be 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.

**Child Care:** The Church Nursery is available for children through pre-Kindergarten age. To find the nursery, please go to the left front entrance of the sanctuary and follow the hallway to the right. The nursery is on the left. If your child would like to be rocked during worship, a rocking chair is available on the left side of the sanctuary.



*A warm Christmas welcome to Rev. Jim Swanson and our friends from Covenant UPC who are worshipping with us today!*



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and will be closing at noon on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.

## COMMUNION SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

We will be celebrating the beginning of the New Year by sharing the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, January 1, 2012. Please join us!

### New Offering Envelopes

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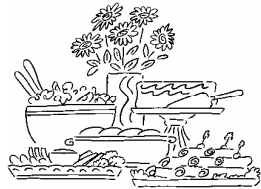


Our new offering envelopes for 2012 are in the Narthex. Please pick up your envelopes after worship. They are arranged alphabetically and are sitting on the pew. Thank you!

### Annual Reports Due in January

All Teams and Committees must have their Annual Report to the Church Office by Thursday, January 5, 2012.

### Just Because Luncheon



- ❖ Beat the Winter Blues Luncheon?
- ❖ After Christmas Luncheon?
- ❖ Time to Rest and Let Somebody Else Cook Luncheon?
- ❖ How about...we don't really have to have a reason; Just Because!!!

Please join us after worship on Sunday, January 8 in the Memorial Room for fellowship and lunch, *Just Because!!* A warm plate of lasagna will be provided along with salad and rolls and drinks. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share if you are able. After the luncheon, we'll spend a few minutes taking down the Christmas decorations (it doesn't take very long). Even if you can't stay to help, please come for lunch. Plan on joining your church family...not for any special reason...*Just Because!!*



## WINTER CLEAN-UP

Save the date! The Property Team and Board of Deacons are looking for help straightening, dusting, and cleaning the church sanctuary on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. We'll gather around 9:00 am and finish by noon. There will be jobs for everyone, from our youngest to our oldest helpers. So mark your calendars and plan on coming out for a morning of good work and great fellowship.

### All In The Family



*The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to the family and friends of Dorothy Stewart. Dorothy died on Saturday, December 10, 2011.*



December 28	Gary Gregson
December 28	Thalia McGrady
December 29	Deanna Golden
December 30	Judy Gregson
December 31	Dave Landis

