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

Amazing God, we come to you with bowed heads and awe-filled hearts. May our gifts and offerings be used to show your grace and mercy. May our lives proclaim your wondrous love. Amen.

Hymn #190 "Angels We Have Heard on High" *(Sing to the Lord)*

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 8 - 14

Special Music "Et In Terra Pax" Chancel Choir Women
("And on Earth, Peace")

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 15

Shepherds: Travis Grossman, Nick Ripper, and Fred Young
Visitors from Bethlehem: Ben Grossman and Andrew Ripper

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 16 - 20

Special Music "Star of Heaven" Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading John 1: 1 – 5

Sharing the Light

At this time, we will exit our pews and move to the sides of the sanctuary to create a large circle. This ring reminds us of God's unending, encircling love. We will then pass the light of the Christ candle around the ring and sing "Silent Night" together, using the insert found in the bulletin. At the end of the service, please blow out your candles and return them to one of the receptacles in the Narthex.

Hymn "Silent Night! Holy Night!" *(Please see Insert)*
Guitar: Andrew Ripper

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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~Welcome to Saint Andrews~

The Church Nursery is available for children through kindergarten age.

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2019
7:00 PM

Prelude Special Music (Please See Insert)

Welcome and the Passing of the Peace

The Introit "O Holy Night!"
Vocals: Deanna Golden
Trumpet: Kyle Golden
Piano: Melinda Ripper

The Call to Worship

Leader: The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;
People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
On them light has shined.
Leader: For a child has been born for us,
People: A son given to us;
Leader: Authority rests upon his shoulders;
People: And he is named Wonderful Counselor,
Leader: Mighty God,
People: Everlasting Father,
Leader: Prince of Peace.
People: Let us lift up our hearts in joy and gladness,
Leader: Let us welcome and worship God's Son, our Savior.

(Isaiah 9: 2, 6, adapted)

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: *The Christ Candle*

Tonight, we gather with Christians all around the world to celebrate Christ's birth. As we relight the four Advent candles, we remember that in Christ, God offers us hope, calls us to peace, nurtures us with joy, and embraces us with God's redeeming love. As we light the Christ candle, we reflect on the radiance of Christ's grace. Through Christ, God offers each of us forgiveness and a new beginning. In Christ, there is life. In Christ, there is light. That light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Loving God, in Christ, you have taken on the limitations of humanity so that we might know your limitless love. Standing before the manger, we are overwhelmed by your grace and goodness. Help us to welcome you with the same faithfulness as Mary and Joseph. Empower us to worship you with the same humble reverence as the shepherds. Warm our hearts and strengthen our voices so that we may join the heavenly chorus, singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill to all." Amen.

***Hymn** #175 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" *(Sing to the Lord)*
Organ: Chuck Davey
Trumpets: Kevin and Kyle Golden

"Journey to Bethlehem"

Scripture Readings Genesis 12: 1 - 2
2 Samuel 7: 5, 16
Isaiah 11: 1 - 2

Special Music "The Yearning" Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26 - 33

Angels: Sharon Johnson and Susan Race

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1 - 5

Hymn #169 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" *(Sing to the Lord)*
(Verses 1 - 3)

Bethlehem Family: Ben Grossman, Dawn Grossman, and Andrew Ripper

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 6 - 7

Hymn #176 "Away in a Manger" *(Sing to the Lord)*
(Verses 1 & 3)

Offertory Invitation

The Offertory "He is the Gift"
Vocals: Kate Dreyer
Piano: Melinda Ripper