

Our **A**pproach to **G**od

Gathering Time

- As you come in to St. Andrew's this morning take the opportunity to greet others and prepare for worship. Know you are part of God's family. We are so glad that you have come today.

Welcome & Announcements

Jeff Campbell

Introit: While we are waiting, come. D. Cason

Call to Worship

*Hymn # 115 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Prayers of Adoration & Confession/ Words of Assurance: (#121 v.1)

"Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew, come to make all things new, bear all people's burden, freely love and pardon. Ring bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing choirs, sing, sing, sing! When he comes, when he comes, who will make him welcome?"

Lighting the Advent Candle Colin & Gail McLarty & Liam Bousada

Mission Moment Patricia McCallum

The Mitten Tree

*Children's Hymn # 124 People in darkness

*Children's Time

Children are invited to come forward for a time of story followed by church school

Listening for **G**od's **W**ord

Words & Song for Illumination (Tune #338)

"Your word is our treasure, the source and the measure, of all that God calls us to do and to be. By Word and by Spirit, you call us to hear it, so Christ and his message may set people free. Our hope is your promise, your peace comes to calm us, and with a new blessing you comfort our heart. Fresh joy be now in us, that love, which will win us, may shine with your radiance o'er earth's every part."

Scriptures: Isaiah 40: 1-11 (pg 581) Susan Stott-Hood
Responsive Psalm: 85: 1-2, 8-13 (see insert)
Mark 1: 1-8 (pg 812)

*Hymn # 126 On Jordan's bank

Message: "The work of preparing"

Response to **G**od's **W**ord

Living Faith: 8.3.1 – 8.3.3 (pg 24)

Anthem Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Offering & Offertory Noel Louis Claude Dacquin

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. (#830)*

*Dedication of our Tithes & Offerings

- We stand as our offerings are presented and dedicated to God's glory. We also offer our lives to God as a living sacrifice.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession & 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 trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil – for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn # 110 Come, thou long expected Jesus

*Benediction

Postlude: Sleepers, Wake! J.S. Bach