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Church is more than just a Sunday service—there's a place for you at St. Andrew's. Please fill out a Check-In Card via the QR code, the pew clip-board, or at the Welcome Desk. We'd love to connect!

KIDS

NURSERY (infant - 2 years)
Sundays at 9:00 am & 10:45 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL
(2 years - 5th Grade)
Sundays at 9:00 am

CHILDREN'S CHOIR
(4 years - 8th Grade)
Sundays at 10:30 am

SUPER FRIENDS
(Special Needs Ministry)
First Sunday of the Month at 10:30 am

STUDENTS

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
(6th - 12th Grade)
Sundays at 10:45 am

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
(6th - 8th Grade)
Wednesdays at 6:15 pm

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
(9th - 12th Grade)
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Prologue to Christmas

Before there was a manger in Bethlehem, there was the eternal Word who stood with God "in the beginning."

In our Advent series, *A Prologue to Christmas*, we'll delve into the rich imagery of John 1:1–18 to prepare the way for the miracle of Christmas like never before. Through vivid pictures of unquenchable light piercing the darkness and the Creator pitching His tent right in our neighborhood, John shows us the breathtaking reality of God taking on human flesh. Together, we will discover how these powerful metaphors of life, grace, and glory bring fresh wonder to the story of Jesus' arrival.

Come join us this Advent as we step back before the beginning of Christmas to see why His coming changes everything.

PRAYER & CARE

Our Pastors and Prayer Team are here to pray for your needs and offer support or visits if you are in the hospital. Contact our Care Ministry at 520-297-7201, ***care@sapctucson.org, or sapctucson.org/care.***

THIS WEEK AT SAPC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
7:30 am Communion Service
9:00 am Contemporary Worship
9:00 am Children's Sunday School
10:30 am Family of God Class
10:45 an 27 Words Class
10:45 am Traditional Worship
10:45 am Youth Sunday School

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
1:00 pm Mexican Train Dominoes

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
6:00 pm Tap Dance Class
6:30 pm HS Youth Group

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
9:00 am Piecemakers
9:00 am Bible Study Fellowship
10:30 am HUGS
5:00 pm Into the Word
6:15 pm MS Youth Group

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
8:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am MOMS Group

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
10:00 am Women's Christmas Brunch

For a complete list of upcoming events, please visit our online calendar by scanning the **QR code** on the back cover.

GIVING

Generosity is an act of worship that expresses our love, faith, and gratitude for God.

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Prologue to Christmas

JOHN 1



Before there was a manger in Bethlehem, there was the eternal Word.

7:30 AM | COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Dr. John Tittle
Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Dr. Raully Donahue
Associate Pastor

St. Andrew's
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE

7:30 AM | NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Prelude
Lost in the Night (Finnish carol/Wood)

Words of Welcome

*Time of Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Candles
Brian & Rebecca Farney

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Hymn #169, vs. 1-3

The Word Preached | *Pastor John Tittle*
Word | *John 1: 1-2 NRSVue*

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory
Creator of the Stars of Night (Sarum plainsong/McCabe)

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
One: *Lift up your hearts!*
All: **We lift them up to the Lord!**
One: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
One: *In Your mercy, You did not reject us, but still claimed us as Your own.*
All: **When we were enslaved in Egypt, You fed us and led us through the waters of the sea. You fed us with the heavenly food of the wilderness, and satisfied our thirst from the desert springs. On the holy mountain You gave us Your law to guide us on Your way. Through the Jordan You led us into the land of Your promise, and You sustained us in the time of trial. You spoke through prophets calling us to turn from our willful ways to new obedience and righteousness.**
One: *Great is the mystery of faith:*
All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

The Morning Prayer and Our Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution of the Supper

We Share the Bread and the Cup

Music for Communion
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

*We Pray Together
Help us, O God, to be obedient to Your call to love all Your children, to do justice and show mercy, and to live in peace with Your whole creation. Guide us through the desert of life, quench our thirst with the living waters, satisfy our hunger with the bread of heaven, that we may complete our journey with Your Christ, all the way to Jerusalem. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, Hymn #168*

*The Benediction

Postlude
People Look East (French carol/Dale Wood)

*Please stand as you are able

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Worship Team: *Karen Dahlen (organ/piano)*
AV Team*: Mark Gary*

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UPCOMING AT SAPC

HANGING OF THE GREENS
Saturday, November 28 | Starting at 8:30 am

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH
Saturday, December 5 | 10:00 am

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Saturday, December 12 | 7:00 pm

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE
Thursday, December 17 | 6:30 pm

UNWRAP THANKFULNESS FAMILY EVENT
Sunday, December 20 | 10:00 am

Christmas Eve Services

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 PM | FAMILY SERVICE & CHRISTMAS PLAY
A joyful, all-ages service featuring SAPC Kids in a Christmas play, along with classic carols and a short message.

7:00 PM | CONTEMPORARY CANDLELIGHT
A beautiful time of Candlelight Christmas Worship, led by our Contemporary Worship Team.

9:00 PM | TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT
Our Chancel Choir and Orchestra will lead us in a special Candlelight Christmas Worship.

*All Christmas Eve Services will be livestreamed.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The gospels of Matthew and Luke begin with Jesus' birth and Mark with his baptism, but John begins before time itself. Why do you think John chose to start the story "in the beginning"? How might this change the way you hear the Christmas story this year?
2. John 1:1 echoes Genesis 1:1 with the phrase, "in the beginning." What connections do you see between these two "beginnings"?
3. The Word isn't a principle or a point; it's a person. What is the difference between following a set of principles and knowing a person?
4. N.T. Wright says, "If you want to know who the true God is, look long and hard at Jesus." What does Jesus teach you about God's character?
5. John says the Word was with God and the Word was God: distinct from God, yet sharing God's very essence. Why is this holy paradox vital in our understanding of Jesus?