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WELCOME HOME!

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

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Prologue to Christmas

JOHN 1



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

10:45 AM | TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Dr. John Tittle
Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Dr. Raully Donahue
Associate Pastor

St. Andrew's
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

10:45 AM | NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Prelude
Lost in the Night (Finnish carol/Wood)

Words of Welcome

Choral Introit
Of the Father's Love Begotten (Chant)

Advent Candle Lighting
Betty & Fred Barney

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Traditional Plainsong)*

Prayer of Confession
Creator God, Your first word brought light into the darkness, and Your eternal Word still shines in our world. We confess that we have grown comfortable in the shadows. We have hidden our faults instead of naming them and closed our eyes to the needs of our neighbors. We have kept our faith to ourselves when You were calling us to share it. In this season of waiting, we long for Your light, but we are slow to step into it. Forgive us, renew us, and let the light of Your Word shine through our lives. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession and Assurance of Pardon

**The Gloria Patri*

*Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading | *Isaiah 64: 1-9 NRSVue*

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Gustav Holst)

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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

*We Pray Together | The 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.

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Our Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

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

Concluding Prayer

*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus, Hymn #2

*The Invitation To Prayer And Discipleship

*The Benediction
Trained Stephen Ministers and members of the Prayer and Care Team are available for confidential prayer and care. Please email care@sapctucson.org or visit sapctucson.org/care to reach out.

Postlude
People Look East (French carol/Dale Wood)

*Please stand as you are able

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:
Worship Team: *Karen Dahlen (piano/organ), Chancel Choir*
Assisting: *Carl Dahlen*
AV Team: *Daniella Bolin, Ben Constantinides, Andrew Engel*

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Christmas Eve Services

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 PM | FAMILY SERVICE & CHRISTMAS PLAY
Join in this joyful service, featuring SAPC Kids in a Christmas Play! Carols and a message make this service a perfect fit for all ages.

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?