"The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood."
(John 1:14, The Message)

If you want to stretch your theological muscles this season, try to wrap your mind around the idea of the incarnation. Somehow, the infinite and transcendent Lord of all the universe shed his divine glory and squeezed himself into the form of a human being, becoming one of us. He worked, he got tired, he slept at night. He ate and drank with his friends, he laughed, he wept, he got angry.

But what's more, he poured out his life for people, some of whom loved him, but most of whom did not. Of course, when it counted most, even his friends abandoned him. Paul explained that Jesus "who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:6-8)

Jesus subjected himself to all this, including the shame and agony of a criminal's death, so we might have eternal life. That eternal life was hidden within someone who appeared to be mere flesh and blood, just like us. But the good news is that life eternal is not something we have to wait until we die in order to experience it. It's not just about living forever, but living in a certain way, living in the fullness of the presence of God for all our days.

The flesh-and-blood life of Jesus was lived in the power of the Holy Spirit, who is also given to us through faith in Christ, so we might enjoy life as God's new creation. This is the real meaning of Christmas, as the birth of this child in Bethlehem holds out the promise of new birth for each of us. No matter what our background or heritage may be, no matter what life has done to us, or how we may have wasted the life that's been given to us, the gift of hope for rebirth and renewal are offered to us freely in love of God that is ours in Christ Jesus. I pray you will receive this gift with joy, and celebrate

Merry Christmas!

Rev. Ed

The Window View

December 2021

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December 4	Doerthe McGrath	December 18	Sandra Bailey
December 6	Sharon Prine		Mark Walden
December 10	Ken Kitchen		Marjorie Lippert
December 13	Jeanette Playford	December 29	Lillian Kitchen
December 14	Monique Cauble		Will Sturgis
December 15	Song Bradley	December 30	Tim Pounds

CHRISTMAS JAZZ CONCERT

Please join us on Friday, December 17th, from 7pm to 8:30pm in the Sanctuary for a Christmas Jazz Concert, with Travis Shaw (bass), Andy Reid (piano), and Jason Vital (drums). The price of admission is one canned good to be donated to GAP Ministries. Seating is limited, so come early and get your Christmas vibe going!

GAP ITEM OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER: SOCKS

Socks for Men, Women and Children

Also, remember our 4th quarter food collection to collect can corn and can greens continues through Sunday, December 12th. Place them in the red wagon now located in the church office.

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"I was sick and you visited me…" Matthew 25:36

Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255
www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

TREASURER'S REPORT – October 2021

2021 Budgeted Weekly Needs	$ 4,049.47
2021 YTD Average Weekly Income	$ 4,077.86
Total Income October	$ 18,731.23
Total Expenses October	$ 17,587.38
Net Surplus	$ 1,143.85

Monthly contributions/set-asides made by SAPC to other ministries:

GAP Ministries	$400	Lydia Project	$100
Greene St Diner	$250	Samaritan's Purse	$100
Ctr for Care/Counseling	$300	iCare	$100
Thornwell Homes	$200	Good Samaritan Fund	$200
Presb. Homes of GA	$200	Copeland Elementary	$ 50
Pioneers	$100	TOTAL	$2,000

Northeast GA Shared Mission Support Yearly $2000

CHICK-FIL-A LUNCH FOR COPELAND ELEMENTARY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

What can I bring?

Individual packages of chips & sweet treats of all kinds for dessert (homemade or store-bought)

When should I bring them?

Bring treats by noon on Sunday, December 12th

Where should I leave them?

Leave treats on the table in the church parlor

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Questions? Jeanne Stroebel (706)627-3990 or teachmejs@yahoo.com

COLLECTING OFFERING

It's time for another step toward the return to our normal worship practices. The collection of offering by ushers has always been an important part of our worship experience. Beginning December 5th, St. Andrew will resume collecting offering during the Worship service. You may also still contribute via PayPal, by mail or by placing in the offering box in the Narthex.

If you would like to participate as an usher, contact one of the Worship Ministry co-chairs:

Gingy Wolcott email vwolcott71@gmail.com or
Ken Voss email tazpapa@hotmail.com

We show you how to do it, set up teams of two and schedule you for a month at a time. Our head usher is Jose Ruiz.

LAY READER FOR DECEMBER
TRACI WESTIN

GREETERS	DOOR KEEPERS
12/05 Kathy & Jim Elder	12/05 Jim Elder
12/12 Mary Dickens & James Bulmer	12/12 Bill Cravens
12/19 Jose Ruiz & Judy McDowell	12/19 Joe Lesniewski
12/26 Jackie & Ken Voss	12/26 Ken Voss

Our thanks to the above persons for their service to St. Andrew! If you are interested in serving as a Greeter or Lay Reader, please contact Ken Voss, Co-Chair Worship. Email tazpapa@hotmail.com or phone 706-855-6777

BIBLE IN A YEAR
READINGS FOR DECEMBER

Dec 1	Ezek 32-33, Ps 121, 1 Tim 1-3
Dec 2	Ezek 34-35, Ps 122, 1 Tim 4-6
Dec 3	Ezek 36-37, Ps 123, 2 Tim 1-2
Dec 4	Ezek 38-39, Ps 124, 2 Tim 3-4
Dec 5	Ezek 40-41, Ps 125, Titus 1-3
Dec 6	Ezek 42-44, Ps 126, Philem
Dec 7	Ezek 45-46, Ps 127, Heb 1-3
Dec 8	Ezek 47-48, Ps 128, Heb 4-6
Dec 9	Dan 1, Ps 129, Heb 7-8
Dec 10	Dan 2-3, Ps 130, Heb 9
Dec 11	Dan 4-5, Ps 131, Heb 10
Dec 12	Dan 6-7, Ps 132, Heb 11
Dec 13	Dan 8-9, Ps 133, Heb 12-13
Dec 14	Dan 10-12, Ps 134, Jas 1-2
Dec 15	Hos 1, Ps 135, Jas 3-5
Dec 16	Hos 2-5, Ps 136, 1 Pet 1-2
Dec 17	Hos 6-9, Ps 137, 1 Pet 3-5
Dec 18	Hos 10-14, Ps 138, 2 Pet 1-3
Dec 19	Joel 1-3, Ps 139, 1 Jn 1-2
Dec 20	Amos 1-5, Ps 140, 1 Jn 3-5
Dec 21	Amos 6-9, Ps 141, 2 Jn, 3 Jn, Jude
Dec 22	Obad, Jonah 1-4, Ps 142, Rev 1
Dec 23	Mic 1-3, Ps 143, Rev 2-3
Dec 24	Mic 4-7, Ps 144, Rev 4-6
Dec 25	Nah 1-3, Ps 145:1-13, Rev 7-9
Dec 26	Hab 1-3, Ps 145:14-21, Rev 10-12
Dec 27	Zeph 1-3, Hag 1-2, Ps 146, Rev 13-15
Dec 28	Zech 1-5, Ps 147, Rev 16-17
Dec 29	Zech 6-9, Ps 148, Rev 18-19
Dec 30	Zech 10-14, Ps 149, Rev 20-21
Dec 31	Mal 1-4, Ps 150, Rev 22

A TREE GROWS IN THE GARDEN

Many who attended the Greene Street Presbyterian Church will remember the fig tree that grew at the back of the building. As I understand it many have taken cuttings off that old fig tree to grow a fig tree in their own yard and have been rewarded with the delicious fruit that these saplings have borne. Many congregants and visitors to the Greene Street Presbyterian enjoyed the multitude of fruit that this tree produced over the years. When GAP Ministries moved into the building, I can assure you that the clients and volunteers shared in what this wonderful tree had to offer each year.

Earlier this year GAP Ministries started a big construction project to install an elevator in the building to provide handicap access to the upper floor, allowing them to expand services to the increasing number of clients that they serve. Unfortunately, this meant that the old fig tree would have to be removed. This was sad news to all at GAP Ministries. Fortunately, someone decided to take a cutting from the tree and transplant that cutting to a different area of the property and I am happy to say that a tree grows in the garden today. Although too young to bear fruit, it is a reminder that with faith the seeds we plant will continue to bear fruit.

It reminds me of a verse that Reverend Ed spoke about in one of his sermons from John 15:4-5:

[4] Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. [5] I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Blessings,

Cindy

Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church Calendar
December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 am Prayer Gathering 12:45 pm ASL in FH 5:45 pm Brown Bag Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	**2**	**3**	**4**
5 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship with Communion	**6**	**7**	**8** 10:00 am Prayer Gathering 12:45 pm ASL in FH 5:45 pm Brown Bag Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	**9**	**10**	**11**
12 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship 4:30 pm Blue Christmas Service of Remembrance	**13** Session Meeting 6:30 pm	**14** 9:30 am Presbyterian Women	**15** 10:00 am Prayer Gathering 12:45 pm ASL in FH 5:45 pm Brown Bag Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	**16**	**17** 7:00 pm AG&M Club in F. H. 7:00-8:30 pm Christmas Jazz Concert in Sanctuary	**18**
19 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship	**20**	**21** Deadline for January Newsletter submissions.	**22** 10:00 am Prayer Gathering 12:45 pm ASL in FH 5:45 pm Brown Bag Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	**23**	**24** Christmas Eve Worship 5:00 pm	**25**
26 10:45am Morning Worship	**27**	**28**	**29** 12:45 pm ASL in FH	**30**	**31**	