



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 26, 2017



**indicates a time to stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

Dr. Christopher Davis

GREETING

Dr. Brett Becker

PASTOR: This is the day that the Lord has made!

PEOPLE: **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

* PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

OTHER: **And also with you.**

* SONG OF GATHERING "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Hymnal, #150

* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsive*

Lydia Swanson

ONE: Sisters and brothers in Christ, arise! Arise and lift your hearts! Arise and lift your eyes! Arise and lift your voices! The living God – the living, moving Spirit of God – has called us together in witness, struggle, and celebration. God reaches out towards us. Let us worship and praise our living Lord!

WOMEN: **We give thanks, God of wonder, for the marvel of creation that surrounds us!**

MEN: **We give thanks, wise God, for the mysteries of life and salvation that you reveal to us!**

WOMEN: **May our lives and our world be reawakened by the power of your grace, O Lord!**

MEN: **May we see your glory, justice, and peace.**

ALL: **You have given us your world and placed the future in our hands, O God. Nourish us by your word. Inspire and embolden us by your Spirit, that your strength, mercy, and humility might be known in our day!**

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Hymnal, #420

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

God of compassion, you know the loneliness that causes us to seek something – anything – to fill the empty space between you and us. In grace you sent your Son, teaching us to love one another as much as we love ourselves. In misunderstanding we feared to follow his steps; we failed to commit ourselves to him; we neglected to love our neighbors deeply. Forgive us, O God. On this new day of worship, stir up again your Holy Spirit within us, filling us with enough faith to leap into simple, daily acts of Christian kindness that will thrive in places where there is selfishness. Stir up your Spirit's fire within us, changing our apprehension into joyful obedience, enabling us to live confidently in your name. Amen.

SILENT AND PERSONAL CONTEMPLATION

SUNG PRAYER OF INTROSPECTION "Search Me, O God"

on screens

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *responsive*

ONE: If anyone is in Christ

MANY: **He or she is a new creation.**

ONE: The old things have passed away.

MANY: **Behold, all things have become new!**

ONE: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

MANY: In Jesus Christ, we are saved!

ONE: Give thanks, for the Lord is good.

ALL: God's love is everlasting.

A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE Exodus 34: 29–35

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

* **SPECIAL MUSIC** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" *Jeff Cotter, piano*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN *Julie Sommers*

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 17: 1–8

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD "Removing the Veil" *Dr. Brett Becker*

* **HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Christ is Risen" (vs. 1, 3) (to the tune of Hymn #355) **Hymnal, #109**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY "All Creatures of Our God and King" *Jeff Cotter, piano*

This is an intentional time of expressing our gratitude to God. Whether you have an offering this Sunday or not, take the plate, feel its touch in your hands, give thanks to God and bless all that is given this day.

* **DOXOLOGY** **Hymnal, #591**

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

* **HYMN OF SERVICE** "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" **Hymnal, #426**

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

* **POSTLUDE** *Dr. Christopher Davis*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE: Greeter: Jon Davis; Liturgist: Lydia Swanson; Children's Sermon: Julie Sommers



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This week I will pray for:

Prayer requests for the Prayer Chain please email:
Lydia Swanson: lydiaswanson@hotmail.com

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

<p>26</p> <p>9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:30am Deacons Mtg 11am Adult Ed</p> <p>6pm PYF Casino Night, Movie & Card Games</p>	<p>27</p> <p>3pm Cerebral Palsy</p> <p>7pm AA Grateful Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7am Men's Fellowship Group</p> <p>1pm Parkinson's</p> <p>6:30pm Master Chorale</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6pm Ash Wednesday at St. Mark's</p> <p>6:30pm Ministerios Llamada Final</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1pm Parkinson's</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30pm Ministerios Llamada Final</p>	<p>4 (No Russian school)</p> <p>11am - 2pm Preschool Carnival (No watercolor class)</p> <p>6:30pm Ministerios Llamada Final</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS, please stop by our Welcome Table this morning for information about St. Andrew's mission and programs. Please fill out the blue Welcome Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate as it comes by today.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE this Wednesday at Trinity Episcopal at 6:00pm. Carpool from St. Andrew's at 5:15pm.

HELP THE ISLAMIC SOCIETY'S efforts to rebuild the SB Mosque, which sustained damage in a fire. To make a donation, go to: www.launchgood.com/project/rebuild_the_santa_barbara_mosque#/

NO RUSSIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL this Saturday, March 4th due to Preschool Carnival. However, some future dates for Chaperones are still open. Please sign up after service or contact Linda Sorensen.

PRESCHOOL CARNIVAL this Saturday, March 4th, from 11:00am - 2:00pm. BBQ lunch at 12:00 noon, lunch ticket \$11 for adults, \$8 for kids. There will be games and a silent auction.

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT. For 2017, per capita is **\$10.35** per member to support the efforts of the PC(USA) and the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii. Payment of the per capita by church members helps St. Andrew's keep the Church Operating Budget down. You may use your blue "Per Capita" pledge envelope. Please make your check payable to St. Andrew's and mark it "per capita." Checks and envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office.

ADULT ED CLASS continues today at 11:00am, entitled "Living the Questions 2.0", continuing weekly until April 2nd.

CARE BAG ASSEMBLY on Sunday March 12th after worship. A line will be set up by the Deacons. Help fill bags of food and other items for homeless individuals in need.

NEW MEMBER CLASS. Saturday, March 18th, from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Call the church office to sign up.

TRANSITION HOUSE OPPORTUNITY. Experience the joy of serving dinner to grateful residents with St. Andrew's friends. Third Friday of every month at 6:30pm. Sign up today after worship. Next date is April 21st (March is covered). Instructions, menu and recipes provided.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ED ASPINWALL on Sunday, June 11th, at 11:30am, following service at St. Andrew's. Ed, a one-time Parish Associate and the Founding Pastor of Goleta Presbyterian Church, died on Tuesday morning, February 21st.