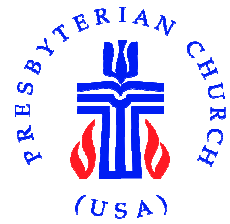




# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP SEASON

### October 25, 2015



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

#### PRELUDE

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

#### GREETING

*Dr. Brett Becker*

**PASTOR:** Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: rejoice!

**PEOPLE:** This is the day that the Lord has made! 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 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymnal, #464

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsive*

*Elder Karen Noffz*

**ONE:** In a world full of fear, pain, and brokenness, we gather as people of faith, believing in the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**MANY:** The Spirit of the living God gives us hope to pray without ceasing, to witness to all people the peace and love of God, and to hear the voices of peoples long silenced.

**ONE:** We work for justice and freedom for all people.

**MANY:** We listen for the voice of God, even as we raise our own voices in praise and worship.

**ONE:** Grace and peace to you in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**MANY:** And also with you.

**ONE:** God's steadfast love never ceases! The mercies of God are new every morning!

**ALL:** Now we worship the God we serve!

#### \* HYMN OF PRAISE "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hymnal, #376

#### CONFESSION OF SIN *unison*

Gracious God, as this season of autumn continues, we are reminded of your provision, your comfort, and your care. Your Spirit strengthens us, giving us great certainty and confidence! Yet in the midst of this comfort, we have relied too much on our own strength and not enough on yours. We get puffed up with what limited knowledge we possess, and we lord it over others who seem to have less than we do. We give into our fears and cling unnecessarily to our worries. Forgive us, O God! We all fall short of your glory and grace. None of us is righteous. We do those things we don't want to do, and we neglect to do the things we should. We need your help, O God, to be obedient people! Fill us with your gracious Spirit now. Enable us to listen for your direction with attentive ears and willing hearts. We are confident that you will not leave us or forsake us as we walk this road with you. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS**

**SUNG PRAYER OF INTROSPECTION**      "Search Me, O God"      *on screens*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**      *responsive*

ONE: God is a God of compassion and forgiveness. Hear this good news!

**MANY: If anyone is in Christ, 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 forgiven.**

ONE: Give thanks, for the Lord is good.

**MANY: God's love is everlasting.**

**SONG OF RESPONSE**      "In His Time"      Sing the Faith, #2203

**A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE**      Numbers 21:4-9

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**      "The Power of Your Love"      *St. Andrew's Choir, Mande Sikich, directing*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**      *Julie Sommers*

**SENDING SONG**      "Jesus Loves the Little Children"      *on screens*

**THE GOSPEL READING**      John 3:14-17

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

**AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD**      **ODD MAN OUT: JOHN'S GOSPEL**      *Dr. Brett Becker*  
"Like Serpent, Like Son!"

\* **HYMN OF RESPONSE**      "Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining"      Hymnal, #425

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**      *Charleston Mission Team*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

*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, #592

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

\* **CLOSING HYMN**      "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"      Hymnal, #538

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"      *on screens*

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

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:** Greeter: Maggie Varner; Liturgist: Karen Noffz;  
 Children's Sermon: Julie Sommers



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*This week I will pray for:*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S**

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| <b>25</b> 9:30a Worship<br>9:45a Church School<br>10:30a Coffee Fellowship<br>11a Adult Ed. Class<br><br>2p Ministerios Llamada Final<br><br>6p PYF | <b>26</b><br><br>3p Cerebral Palsy<br><br>7p AA Grateful Group | <b>27</b> 6:45a Men's Fellowship Group<br><br>1p Parkinson's<br><br>7p Deacons<br>7p SBMC | <b>28</b><br><br>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final<br><br>7p Choir<br>7p AA Success | <b>29</b><br><br>1p Parkinson's | <b>30</b><br><br>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final | <b>31</b> 9:30a Tabitha Circle<br><br>1p Watercolor Painting<br><br>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final |
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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.*

**PYF TONIGHT** at the church, Pumpkin Carving 6-8p.m. Bring your own pumpkin and carving tools. PYF Sunday, November 1, 6-8p.m. at the church. PYF Gives Back. PYF makes dinner for the Youth Ministry Team and parents. Candy for Caring.

**ADULT ED. CLASS TODAY - Class #4** of "First Light," a 12 session DVD and web-based study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Syllabus cost is \$10. Classes will continue November 1, 15, 22, 29, December 6 and January 3, 10.

**ALZHEIMER'S WALK SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 10AM** at Earl Warren Showgrounds. Walk with Team St. Andrew' to support Fred Walters and in memory of Lucile Beasley (Suzan Zink's mother). Sign up with Linda Sorensen during coffee fellowship time.

**STEWARDSHIP "SAIL" 2015** Continues - Sunday, October 25, 9:30AM Worship, "Responsibility to the World;" Sunday, November 1, 9:30AM, "Responsibility to the Church," Stewardship Commitment Sunday, All Saints Day, Communion, new members join. EXTRA: Sunday, November 8, 9:30AM Worship & 11:00 Adult Ed - Planned Giving *Live Forward -- Give Forward*, with Rev. Steve Wirth from the Presbyterian Foundation.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER LIGHTHOUSE IS TODAY.**

## OFFERINGS OF PRAYER

### Joys and Concerns from last Sunday's Worship Service

**Please note** – On Sundays, joys and concerns may be written down on the forms provided in the sanctuary lobby. They will be displayed on the screens during the prayer time. Prayers may also be submitted by email to [standrewsprayers@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsprayers@gmail.com) by 7:00p.m. each Saturday. Please indicate in your email whether we can share your joys and concerns with the congregation by email and on the church website.

#### *Concerns*

| <u>From</u> | <u>For</u> | <u>Concern</u> |
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#### *Joys*

| <u>From</u> | <u>For</u> | <u>Joy</u> |
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### Ongoing Prayer Requests

*Those who have been ill or injured:*

Carolin Allbright, David Benson, Miller Breese, Ernie & Betty Brooks, Nettie Graham, Brad Naegle, Carole Wallace, Dick Zylstra

*Please let us know of changes we should make in the Prayer List.*

*Those in convalescent care:*

St. John's Hospital, Camarillo: Liz McNeil

Valle Verde Health Center: Bob McWilliams

Vista Del Monte Health Center: Joan Cyr and Barbara Hagen