

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 27, 2011**

** Indicates a time to stand, if you are able*

PRELUDE MUSIC *Konrad Kono*

GREETING *Dr. Brett Becker*

*** PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

*** SONG OF GATHERING** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
Hymnal, #2

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *responsive*

*** HYMN OF PRAISE** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
Hymnal, #8

CONFESSION OF SIN *unison* *Suzanne Grimesey-Kirk*

Redeeming God, you sent Jesus to live among us and to give us an example by his life and ministry. Advent heralds his arrival in our midst! But we confess that we are not ready. We have not given enough time to humbly preparing our hearts. We have not given enough love to our neighbors. We have not given enough praise to you for all your gifts and blessings to us. Forgive us, O God. We slow down now, listening for your love, looking for your signs, waiting for your unmistakable presence in our circumstances. Be apparent, here and now, in our church and among this family of believers, so that we might offer praise where praise is due. Amen.

SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *responsive*

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

Lindsay Woodard with Tara and Eliza

ADVENT HYMN "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Hymnal, #9

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS Isaiah 9: 2-3, 6-7

ANTHEM "I Am the Light of Nations"

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN *Suzanne Grimesey-Kirk*

THE GOSPEL READING John 8: 2-12

AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD

"A Necessary Light" *Dr. Brett Becker*

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"
Hymnal, #411

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, #591

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION and THANKSGIVING**

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Jesus Shall Reign" Hymnal, #423

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

It is our tradition at St. Andrew's to hold our neighbors' hands while we sing.

*** POSTLUDE**

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

Greeters: Randi & Bob Rice;
Liturgist & Children's Sermon: Suzanne Grimesey-Kirk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS Please stop by our Welcome Table this morning for a free coffee mug and 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.*

ADULT ED. CLASS today UCSB Religious Studies Professor, Dr. Kathy Moore will lead the third and final class on *Islam in America*. Join us in Morgan Hall at 11 a.m.

PYF - No meeting tonight. Next Sunday, December 4, 9:30AM, PYF youth will be leading the Worship Service.

STEWARDSHIP If you have not yet pledged, but intend to do so, there are pledge cards available in the pew racks and also in the church office.

ADVENT WORKSHOP, POTLUCK DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT, Saturday, December 3, 4:30p.m. in Morgan Hall. Movie 7p.m. "The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever." Craft supplies \$5- \$15 per family. Sign up with Bev Ford during coffee fellowship time.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA is NEXT Sunday, December 4, from 2:00 to 4:00p. Today will be the last chance to sign up to attend the tea. Sign up with Bev Ford today after worship. We hope even more of you will join us for this festive occasion.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIRE will be held Sunday, December 11th & 18th.

POINSETTIAS MAY BE ORDERED in memory of, or in honor of a friend or loved one. Please use the order blank in the bulletin.

CAST SIGNUPS FOR THE OUTDOOR LIVING NATIVITY We need people for both December 21st and 22nd. To sign up, call Pam Polan.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PAGEANT Will be held on Sunday, December 11th, during worship. Contact Julie Sommers if you can help or if your child wants to participate in the pageant.

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 by 7:00 pm 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>
Diana Lee	Rick	Fell, has broken clavicle and torn ligament
Ann Padden-Rubin	Friend, Ryan	Diagnosed with cancer

Joys

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

Those who have been ill or injured: Rick Lee

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

Those in convalescent care:

Abiding Care: William Ray; Abundant Care II: Leora Phillips;
Cliff View Terrace: Aaron Case; Goleta Cottage: Liz McNeil;
Mission Terrace: Aaron Case and Eleanor Vos; Samarkand Health Center: Jane Hewitt; Vista Del Monte Health Center: Margaret Blake

Presbytery Prayer Concern:

Retired ministers Walter Robie of Cambria, Kristina McKinlay of Oceano and Kathryn Johnson of Philadelphia