



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

### November 27, 2016



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

#### PRELUDE

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Dr. Brett Becker*

#### GREETING *responsive*

PASTOR: Why are we here today?

PEOPLE: **To worship God!**

PASTOR: Can't we do that alone?

PEOPLE: **Yes, but we do it better when we're with the people of God!**

PASTOR: How then shall we proceed?

PEOPLE: **With humility, joy, and peace!**

#### \* PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you!

OTHER: **And also with you!**

#### \* HYMN OF ADORATION "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymnal, #464

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsive Psalm 96*

*Elder Mike Shinn*

ONE: O sing to the Lord a new song!

MANY: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

ONE: Sing to the Lord, bless God's name!

MANY: **Tell of God's salvation from day to day!**

ONE: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

MANY: **God has performed marvelous things among all peoples!**

ONE: Honor and majesty belong to our God!

MANY: **Strength and beauty are in this sanctuary!**

ONE: Come worship the Lord with me!

ALL: **And let us exalt God's name together!**

#### \* HYMN OF THANKS "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (verses 1, 2, & 4) Hymnal, #551

#### LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

*The Padden-Rubin Family*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

When we are honest with ourselves, O God, we know that there are things we should do that we don't do. We convince ourselves that we're too busy, too distracted, too overcommitted. Sometimes it's true, but often, O Lord, it is not. Often we just don't care. Forgive us, O God. Empower us, so that the next time we have an opportunity to serve or help or assist, we will. Encourage us to make the most of our time, so that when others look at us, they will be able to say, "She loved the Lord, and her life showed it," or "He was dedicated to serving

God and ran the good race.” Our goal is to please you, O God. Help us to do so today with energy, intelligence, imagination and love. Amen.

#### **SILENT AND PERSONAL PRAYER**

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

**ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE** *responsive*

ONE: Anyone who wonders about the certainty of God’s grace can stop wondering!

**MANY: Anyone who doubts the goodness of God can quit doubting!**

ONE: God’s grace is absolute. God’s goodness is sure.

**MANY: We see God’s goodness in each other when we go the extra mile.**

ONE: We experience it in our sisters and brothers when they show us compassion and mercy.

**MANY: We recognize it in a stranger when he or she loves a neighbor.**

ONE: God’s character is evident in anybody who emulates God’s grace.

**MANY: It is manifest in all who follow the example of Jesus.**

ONE: Thanks be to God for rescuing us from our self-centered selves!

**ALL: Praise God for delivering us and making us whole!**

**A READING FROM THE PSALMS** Psalm 107: 1–9

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Hallelujah” by Leonard Cohen *Evan Schindler*

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

**SENDING SONG** “Jesus Loves Me” *on screens*

**THE GOSPEL READING** Luke 17: 11–19

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

**AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD** “A Thankful Return” *Dr. Brett Becker*

\* **HYMN OF GRATITUDE** “Now Thank We All Our God” *Hymnal, #555*

#### **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**

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE** “For the Beauty of the Earth” *Hymnal, #473*

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSIVE** “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

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

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:** Greeter: Maggie Varner;  
 Liturgist: Mike Shinn; 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](mailto:lydiaswanson@hotmail.com)*

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

<p><b>27</b> 9:30a Worship          9:45A Church School          10:30a Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>2-5p Ministerios          Llamada Final</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>3p Cerebral Palsy</p> <p>7p AA Grateful Group</p>	<p><b>29</b>          7a Men's Fellowship Group</p> <p>1p Parkinson's</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>6:30p Ministerios          Llamada Final</p> <p>7p AA Success</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>1p Parkinson's</p> <p>7p Eve Circle home of Nancy Doner</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6:30p Ministerios          Llamada Final</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>6:30p 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.

**NO PYF TONIGHT.** PYF Sunday, December 4, Zodo's Bowling.

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

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED CHRISTMAS TEA FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2;** St. Mark United Methodist Church, Clemens Hall. Enjoy Christmas Music & Sing-Along with the Maravilla Chorus. Bring a plate of goodies to share. For more information call Judith Muller @ 563-8998. No RSVP needed.

**THE MERRY WIDOWS GROUP** will meet on Saturday, December 3, 2p.m. at First Presbyterian Church for the Westmont Christmas Festival Concert. Tickets are \$15 and you can go online at [www.westmont.edu/christmasfestival](http://www.westmont.edu/christmasfestival) to pay and print your tickets. Questions call Linda Wisner.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA** will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2-4p.m. Bev Ford is taking signups for guests and hostess during Coffee Fellowship Time.

**ADULT ED.** The eight session DVD series on "Violence Divine," will conclude on Sunday, December 4, 11a.m. in Morgan Hall.

**THE ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIRE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 AND 18 10:30A.M. IN MORGAN HALL.**

**THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO A RETIREMENT PARTY HONORING MARGARET SIADAL** on Sunday, December 11, 10:30a.m. in Morgan Hall.

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017 SANTA BARBARA MISSION CONFERENCE IS NOW OPEN.** The conference will take place Friday evening, January 27 and all day Saturday, January 28, at First Presbyterian Church. Register by going online at [smissionconference.org](http://smissionconference.org) or by picking up and completing a brochure in the narthex.

## 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:*

Bob Allbright, David Benson, Miller Breese, Ernie & Betty Brooks, Marjorie Boyle, Harold Englund, Brad Naegle, Pam Polan, Carole Wallace

*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