



## ORDER OF WORSHIP FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT November 29, 2015



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

### PRELUDE

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

### GREETING *responsive*

*Dr. Brett Becker*

PASTOR: Friends, God calls us at every stage of our lives.

PEOPLE: **God is faithful even when we are not.**

PASTOR: With joy, we gather together in worship today!

PEOPLE: **Come, Lord Jesus, and be our guide!**

### \* PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

OTHER: **And also with you.**

### \* SONG OF GATHERING "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

Hymnal, #430

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsive*

*Mike Shinn*

ONE: O God, who created us in love,

**MANY: create us anew as we worship you today!**

ONE: O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in hope,

**MANY: reclaim our hearts as we worship you.**

ONE: O Holy Spirit, who moves this world toward the grace and justice of God,

**ALL: move within us as we worship you today. Amen.**

### LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

*The Zink Family*

### \* HYMN OF ADVENT "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hymnal, #2

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

God of purpose, forgive us for the times we fail to heed your call and seek your will. Forgive us when we fail to act on the truth we know, the knowledge we have, and the hope that we can change. In this Advent season, guide our steps into a future shaped not by our fears, but by our faith in your good purposes and the hope of your coming Kingdom. Amen.

### SILENT AND PERSONAL PRAYERS

### SUNG PRAYER OF INTROSPECTION "Search Me, O God"

*on screens*

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *responsive*

ONE: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

**MANY: Only Jesus Christ. Yet Christ died for us.**

ONE: Christ rose for us.

**MANY: Christ showed us the way of service.**

ONE: Christ demonstrated the way of devotion. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**MANY: The old life is gone; a new life has begun.**

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

**ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**A READING FROM THE PROPHETS** Jeremiah 33:14–16

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Amazing Grace”

*Daniel Clapp*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Julie Sommers*

**SENDING SONG** “Jesus Loves Me”

*on screens*

**THE EPISTLE READING** I Thessalonians 3:6–13

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

**AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD** “The Days are Coming!”

*Dr. Brett Becker*

\* **HYMN OF RESPONSE** “Let All Things Now Living”

Hymnal, #554

**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**

\* **SONG OF COMMITMENT** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Sing the Faith, #2129

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

*on screens*

\* **POSTLUDE**

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:** Greeter: Lydia Swanson; Liturgist: Mike Shinn; Lighting of the Advent Candle: Susan, Megan, and Paul Zink; Children's Sermon: Julie Sommers



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*This week I will pray for:*

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

<p><b>29</b> 9:30a Worship 9:45a Church School 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 11a Adult Ed. Class</p> <p>2p Ministerios Llamada Final</p> <p>6p PYF</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>3p Cerebral Palsy</p> <p>7p AA Grateful Group</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>1p Parkinson's</p> <p>7p SBMC</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p> <p>7p Choir 7p AA Success</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>1p Parkinson's</p> <p>7p Eve Circle home of Nancy Doner</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>10a Decorating the Sanctuary Halls</p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p>
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2016 PLEDGE CARDS** are still being received. Please turn in your Stewardship SAIL pledge commitment card by placing it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Extra pledge cards are available on the table in the narthex, in the pew pockets or in the church office. Thank you for your gifts in Christ for ministry and mission.

**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 TODAY.** PYF Sunday, December 6, at the church 6p.m. Gingerbread Houses, pizza dinner.

**ADULT ED. CLASS "FIRST LIGHT" TODAY AT 11a.m. IN MORGAN HALL.** Classes will continue December 6, 13 and January 3, 10.

**THE ST. ANDREW'S WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA** on Sunday, December 6, 2p.m., is just around the corner and Bev Ford will be taking sign ups on the patio on Sunday's in November. This is a great way to start the Season, so plan to come as our guest or be a hostess for a table. The Thank Offering will be taken.

**WOMEN OF ST. ANDREW'S ARE** invited to a Christmas Breakfast at the home of Bobby Rubin, December 15th anytime after 9:30a.m., 215 E. Mission in Santa Barbara. Come and see the special collection of Nativities and enjoy a Christmas Blessing. Questions call 966-3311.

**COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS HOLIDAY BASKETS.** The Mission Team is seeking items to fill holiday baskets that will go to needy working families in our local community. Bring your donated items to St. Andrew's no later than 12/13/15. You are invited to Hollister School MPR on Saturday, December 12, 8a-1p to put together these baskets. Items needed: cocoa mix/tea/coffee, cookies (fancy in a can) sparkling juice/cider, tree ornaments, new books, cake/cookie mixes, muffin/bread mixes, holiday paper plates/napkins, chocolate, candy/small toys for stockings.

**DECK THE HALLS.** Decorating the Sanctuary party Saturday, December 5, 10:00a.m. Refreshments and live music. All are welcome. Hosted by the Worship Team.

## 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 & Carolin Allbright, David Benson, Miller Breese, Ernie & Betty Brooks, 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