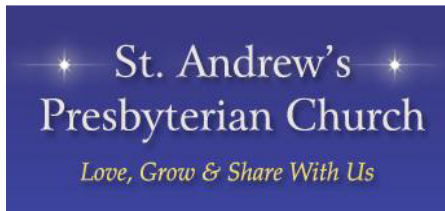


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**ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 30, 2014**



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

PRELUDE

Dr. Christopher Davis

GREETING *responsive*

Dr. Brett Becker

PASTOR: Friends, our God calls us in all the stages of our lives.

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

PASTOR: In 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*

Kirk Grier

ONE: O God, who created us in love,

MANY: **create us anew in love as we worship you today.**

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

MANY: **reclaim our hearts in hope 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 *Ann & Lee Thompson, Brandon & John Gonzalez*

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

Hymnal, #2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

God of purposeful call, 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 belief that we can change. In this Advent season, guide our steps into a future shaped not by our failures, but by our faith in your good purposes and the hope of your coming Kingdom. Amen.

SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

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 reigns in power for us.**

ONE: Christ prays for us. 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!

MOMENT FOR MISSION Wendy Kelley, Seeway, Tanzania

THE EPISTLE READING I Thessalonians 5: 15–28

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Waiting"

St. Andrew's Choir

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Julie Sommers

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 7: 36–47

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD "Thanksgiving Revisited!"

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 "We Gather Together," "Come, Ye Thankful People"

Bob Allbright, Organ

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 THANKSGIVING** "Now Thank We All Our God"

Hymnal, #555

* **BENEDICTION**

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

on screens

* **POSTLUDE**

Dr. Christopher Davis

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE: Greeter: Mona Wise; Liturgist: Kirk Grier; Children's Sermon: Julie Sommers



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This week I will pray for:

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

<p>30 9:30a Worship 9:45a Church School 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 11a Advent Wreath Worship and Lunch</p> <p>2-5p Ministerios Llamada Final</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7p Eve Circle 7p AA Grateful Group</p>	<p>2 6:45a Men's Fellowship Group</p> <p>7p SBMC</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final 7p AA Success</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7p Youth Ministry Team 7p Mission Team</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6p PYF Lock-In 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.*

WELCOME WENDY KELLEY to worship and Advent Lunch at St. Andrew's. Wendy is the co-Director of Mission Partner in Arusha, Tanzania.

ADVENT WORKSHOP AND LUNCH TODAY AT 11a.m. in Morgan Hall. A sandwich lunch (no charge) will be served and everyone is invited to participate in activities to help mark the beginning of the advent season. Hosted by the Children's Ministry Team.

PYF TODAY 11a.m. Advent Wreath Workshop. Next Saturday, December 6, 4 p.m. PYF Caroling and Lock-In, Gingerbread Houses.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH. Sign up with Bev Ford to be a hostess or come as a guest.

ADVENT WEEKEND OF CARING December 6 and 7. Community Service on Saturday, December 6, multiple opportunities to serve. Worship and Mission on December 7. Sign up on the patio.

ECLIPSING EMPIRE ADULT ED. CLASS: Class nine December 14 in Morgan Hall at 11a.m.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MART WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 AND 14.

COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS-HOLIDAY BASKET DRIVE. Saturday, December 13 at Hollister School 8a-1p. Items to fill holiday baskets will be collected at St. Andrew's. A complete list of items is on the flyers. Items need to be brought to the church no later than Thursday, December 11.

2015 PLEDGE CARDS ARE STILL BEING RECEIVED. Cards may be put in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

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 7:00p.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:

David Benson, Miller Breese, Ernie & Betty Brooks, Patricia Collins, Dorothy Naegle, Carole Wallace

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

Those in convalescent care:

Goleta Cottage: Liz McNeil

Samarkand Health Care Center: George Hitchens

Valle Verde Health Center: Bob McWilliams

Vista Del Monte Health Center: Joan Cyr and Barbara Hagen

Presbytery Prayer Concern:

All of the secretaries in our churches who support the work of the local ministries