

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 1, 2013

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

- PRELUDE** *Trevor Welch*
- ADVENT GREETING** *responsive* *Dr. Brett Becker*
- PASTOR: The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid.
- PEOPLE: And a little child shall lead them.**
- PASTOR: The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might.
- PEOPLE: His delight shall be in the reverence of the Lord. And the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters fill the sea!**
- \* PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**
- ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.
- OTHER: And also with you.**
- \* SONG OF GATHERING** *Hymnal, #2*  
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
- \* CALL TO WORSHIP** *responsive* *Rev. Suzanne Malloy*
- 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: Let us worship the God of love!**

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

**CONFESSION OF SIN** *unison*

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 midst. 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*

ONE: Thus says the Lord, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."

**MANY: We are no longer our own. We have been bought with a price.**

ONE: We belong to the Lord!

**MANY: And he belongs to us.**

ONE: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

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

ONE: Give thanks, for the Lord is good!

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

**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

*Ann & Lee Thompson with Brandon and John*

**ADVENT HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*Hymnal, #376*

**A READING FROM THE PROPHETS** Isaiah 11: 1-4a

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**

*St. Andrew's Choir  
Dauri Kennedy, directing*

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** "Seeway, Tanzania" *Thoits Family*

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

**THE GOSPEL READING** Mark 1: 1-3

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

**AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD** *Dr. Brett Becker*  
"The Coming Lord"

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

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

**OFFERING and OFFERTORY**

*Trevor Welch and Audrey Seversen*

*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**

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE** *responsive*

MINISTER: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the  
people of God!

CONGREGATION: **People will come from east and west,  
and from north and south, and sit at  
table in the kingdom of God.**

MINISTER: This is the Lord's Table.

CONGREGATION: **It is not the Presbyterian table.**

MINISTER: Neither is it the Lutheran table, the Baptist  
table, or the Methodist table.

CONGREGATION: **All are welcome here. Anyone who is  
truly sorry for his or her sins and would**

**put their trust in Christ is invited to  
come.**

MINISTER: According to Luke, when our risen Lord  
was at table with his disciples, he took the  
bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to  
them, just as we, ministering in his name,  
now give it to you. And when the  
disciples received it, their eyes were  
opened and they recognized Jesus! Lift up  
your hearts!

CONGREGATION: **We lift them to the Lord.**

MINISTER: Give thanks, for God is good.

CONGREGATION: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

MINISTER: Everlasting God, we thank you for making  
us in your image to live with each other in  
love, and for the breath of life and the  
freedom to choose your way.

CONGREGATION: **Great and wonderful are your works,  
Lord God Almighty. Your ways are just  
and true. With people of faith from all  
times and places, we lift our hearts in  
joyful praise, for you alone are holy.**

MINISTER: Holy God, we thank you for your son  
Jesus, who lived with us sharing joy and  
sorrow. He told your story. He healed the  
sick and was a friend of sinners. Obeying  
you, he took up his cross and was killed  
that we might live.

CONGREGATION: **We praise you that he is not dead, but is  
risen to rule the world! We trust him to  
overcome every power that would hurt  
or divide us, that we might meet him  
again in glory.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION**

\* **HYMN OF FAITH** "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"  
Hymnal, #423

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "God Be With You" *on screens*

\* **POSTLUDE** *Trevor Welch*

## PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

Greeters: Randi & Bob Rice; Liturgist & Communion Celebrant: Rev. Suzanne Malloy; Children's Sermon: Julie Sommers; Communion Servers: Sandy Thoits, Linda Sizer, Rachel Tobler, Pam Polan, Nina Chamberlain, and Paul Zink

## 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.*

**NO PYF TODAY.** Next week, December 8, Gingerbread Houses at the church 6-8p.m.

**PLEASE PLAN TO STAY FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME** today to celebrate Harold Englund's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA** will be held next Sunday, December 8, 2p.m. in Morgan Hall. All women of St. Andrew's are invited. Anyone interested in being a hostess and/or bringing refreshments to share would be appreciated. If you plan to attend, Bev Ford will be taking sign-ups during Coffee Fellowship time today.

**ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIRE** will be held on Sunday, December 8 and 15. Purchase gifts in honor or memory of someone from Church World Services, the Foodbank, Transition House, and Unite-to-Light solar lights, for Seeway Tanzania orphanage.

**THE ANGEL TREE** is in Morgan Hall. Select an angel, buy the gift listed, and return the gift unwrapped to St. Andrew's and the gift will be delivered to the Christmas Unity Shoppe.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH AUDIO AT ST. ANDREW'S**  
We are in need of volunteers to help do the audio at the 9:30 am Sunday service at St. Andrew's. Training will be provided. If you can help, please contact Michael Padden-Rubin at michaelpadden@hotmail.com. Thank you.

**HELP FOR THE PHILIPPINES** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has established an account to receive contributions to relief efforts following the devastating typhoon that struck the Philippines Nov. 8. Donors may also text PDA to 20222 on their smartphones to give \$10 (standard SMS rates may apply). Contributions may be made through St. Andrew's. Make your check out to St. Andrew's and write in the memo line: Account #DR000012 - Philippines Typhoon.

## 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 7:00 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>
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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, Ernie & Betty Brooks, Dorothy Naegle, Carole Wallace

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

*Those who grieve:*

Family and friends of Muriel Krebs. A memorial service is being planned for January 11<sup>th</sup>.

*Those in convalescent care:*

Goleta Cottage: Liz McNeil

Mission Terrace: Patricia Collins

Samarkand Health Care Center: George Hitchens

Vista Del Monte Health Center: Margaret Blake and  
Barbara Hagen

*Presbytery Prayer Concern:*

Retired ministers Walter Robie of Cambria, Kristina

McKinlay of Oceano and Kathryn Johnson of Philadelphia