



ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUNDAY
December 11, 2016



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

PRELUDE

Dr. Christopher Davis

WELCOME

Dr. Brett Becker

* **GREETING** *responsive*

PASTOR: Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom!

PEOPLE: **With gratitude we will sing and melody in our hearts to God!**

* **PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you!

OTHER: **And also with you!**

* **SONG OF GATHERING** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hymnal, #9

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *responsive* Psalm 150

ONE: Praise the Lord!

MANY: **Praise God in the sanctuary!**

ONE: Praise God with trumpet sound!

MANY: **Praise God with lute and harp!**

ONE: Praise God with tambourine and dance!

MANY: **Praise God with strings and pipe!**

ONE: Praise God with clanging cymbals!

MANY: **Praise God with loud clashing cymbals!**

ONE: Praise God with joyful song!

ALL: **Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!**

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

Hymnal, #8

ADVENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

We yearn, O God, for the simple beauty of Christmas – for all the old familiar melodies and words that remind us of the great miracle when Christ, who had made all things, would one night come as a baby, to lie in the crook of his mother's arm. Before that mystery we kneel, as we follow the shepherds and wise men in bringing you the gift of our love, a love that we confess has not been as warm or sincere or real as it might be. But this morning, on this Third Sunday of Advent, our love will find its Beloved, and from you we will receive grace, to make us pure, warm, and real again. Thank you Jesus. Amen.

SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

SONG OF SUPPLICATION "Change My Heart"

on screens

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *responsive*

ONE: If anyone is in Christ

MANY: He or she is a new creation.

ONE: The old things have passed away.

MANY: Behold, all things have become new!

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 THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Julie and Dave Sommers

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

"Mary Did You Know?"

Evan Schindler

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**

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

"A Musical Christmas Narrative"

St. Andrew's Choir; Evan Schindler, directing

* **BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSIVE**

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

* **POSTLUDE**

Dr. Christopher Davis

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE: Greeter: Caroline Willsie



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This week I will pray for:

*Prayer requests for the Prayer Chain please email:
Lydia Swanson: lydiaswanson@hotmail.com*

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

11 9:30a Worship 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:30a Retirement Party 2p -5p Ministerios Llamada Final 5:30p PYF - Progressive Dinner	12 3p Cerebral Palsy 7p AA Grateful Group	13 7a Men's Fellowship Group 9:15a Naomi Circle 1p Parkinson's 6:30p Session Dinner 7p Session	14 6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final 7p Choir 7p AA Success	15 1p Parkinson's	16 6p Serve dinner at Transition House 6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final	17 6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final
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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.

RETIREMENT PARTY honoring Margaret Siadal, 10:30a.m. today in Morgan Hall.

PYF TONIGHT - Progressive Dinner, 5:30p.m. Next Saturday, December 17, delivery to MEND.

THE PYF ARE COLLECTING MEN'S CLOTHING AND TOYS to be delivered to Los Angeles MEND, which supports families and community members challenged by poverty. A collection box will be in the Narthex. Please bring all items by December 15.

POINSETTIA ORDERS ARE DUE TODAY.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18. Remember to bring canned gifts of food (wrapped in white tissue paper - no tape) on the 18th.

THE ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIRE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 10:30A.M. IN MORGAN HALL.

2017 "FREE TO VISION" COMMITMENT PLEDGE CARDS are still being received. Place them in the morning offering plate or mail to the church office.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING will be received on Sunday, December 18.

DECEMBER 24:

Please note that the reception will be BEFORE the service.

Christmas Eve Reception in Morgan Hall, 6-7p.m.

Worship Service in the Sanctuary, 7p.m.

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 sbmissionconference.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 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