



**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Choir Christmas Concert Sunday  
December 13, 2015**



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

**PRELUDE**

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Dr. Brett Becker*

**SUMMONS**      *responsive*

**PASTOR:** Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you!

**PEOPLE:** **With gratitude we will sing and make 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**      "Morning Has Broken"

Hymnal, #469

**\* 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 ADVENT**      "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymnal, #482

**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 PRAYERS**

**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**

*The Shapiro and Woodard Families*

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

**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**

**CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT**     "A Musical Christmas Narrative"     St. Andrew's Choir;  
Mandee Sikich, directing

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**     "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"     *on screens*

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

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:** Greeters: Nancy and Dave Russo;  
Lighting of the Advent Candle: Lindsay Woodard with Lila and Tara, Carol and Bob Shapiro



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*This week I will pray for:*

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

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| <p><b>13</b> 9:30a Worship<br/>9:45a Church School<br/>10:30a Coffee Fellowship<br/>10:30a Alternative Gift Faire<br/><br/>2p Ministerios Llamada Final<br/><br/>5p PYF</p> | <p><b>14</b><br/><br/>3p Cerebral Palsy<br/><br/>7p AA Grateful Group</p> | <p><b>15</b><br/>9:30a Women's Christmas Breakfast @home of Bobbie Rubin<br/><br/>1p Parkinson's<br/>6p Session Dinner<br/>7p Session<br/>7p Deacons<br/><br/>7p SBMC</p> | <p><b>16</b><br/><br/>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final<br/><br/>7p Choir<br/>7p AA Success</p> | <p><b>17</b><br/><br/>1p Parkinson's<br/><br/>6:30p Sarah Circle</p> | <p><b>18</b><br/><br/>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p> | <p><b>19</b><br/>9a Work Day<br/>9a Children's Pageant Rehearsal<br/><br/>10a Novel Book Group - home of Linda Wisner<br/><br/>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.*

**PYF TODAY** 5-8p.m. Progressive Dinner. Dressy holiday event at various homes, meet and end at the church. PYF Sunday, December 20, 6-8p.m. at the church. White Elephant gift exchange.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS NEED TO BE TURNED IN TODAY.**

**ALTERNATIVE GIFT MART IN MORGAN HALL 10:30A.M. TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY.**

**WOMEN OF ST. ANDREW'S ARE** invited to a Christmas Breakfast at the home of Bobby Rubin, Tuesday, 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.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** We will be receiving our **white gifts of food** for the Food Bank. Wrap gifts of food in white tissue paper (do not tape). Children's Pageant rehearsal will be Saturday, December 19, 9:00a.m. in the Sanctuary.

## 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