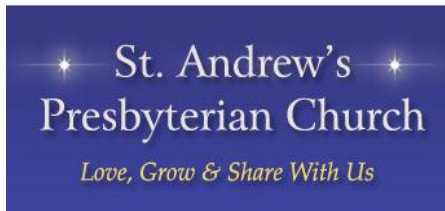


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**ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 14, 2014**



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

PRELUDE

Dr. Christopher Davis

GREETING *responsive*

Dr. Brett Becker

ONE: As we move ever closer to the fulfillment of the peace, hope, and joy of Christmas, come celebrate the Savior with me!

MANY: He is the Lord of lords and the Prince of Peace! We will worship him today!

*** PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you!

OTHER: And also with you!

*** ADVENT HYMN OF LIFE IN CHRIST** "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" Hymnal, #366

*** CALL TO WORSHIP and INVOCATION** *responsive* *Nancy Russo*

ONE: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

MANY: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

ONE: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

MANY: The Lord of hosts is with us; the King of Kings is our refuge.

ONE: On this morning of anticipation, O Lord, we will look for your mercy and hope. We will focus on your love. We will exalt your name.

ALL: Be present with us by your Holy Spirit. Powerfully and peaceably guide our worship. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** HYMN OF CHRISTMAS HOPE** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Hymnal, #48

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

Wise and powerful God, you have given us your light and truth to guide us through our lives, yet we often rely instead on our own human understanding and have lost our way. You offer to share our burdens and give us your strength, yet we trust in our own effort and find ourselves exhausted. Bring us back into your presence, O God; overcome our separation from one another and from you. By your Word, Jesus Christ, fill us with gifts that equip us to meet life's demands, that we might be your people in the world and live in the confidence and joy of our Savior and Redeemer, this Christmas and always. Amen.

SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

SUNG PRAYER OF INTROSPECTION "Search Me, O God" *on screens*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *responsive*

ONE: Understand this: in Jesus Christ, there is God's gracious provision. There is new life and hope in him!

MANY: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever believes in me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the Light of life."

ONE: We will trust this Jesus today.

MANY: We will rely on his strength and wisdom.

ONE: Friends, believe the Good News!

MANY: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ONE: Hallelujah!

ALL: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE – LOVE

Tana Thomas and Emma Voight

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS Isaiah 63: 7–9

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Il Est Ne"

St. Andrew's Choir; Luke Mizuki guest director

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Julie Sommers

THE EPISTLE READING Romans 5: 1–5

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD "Freeing Hope"

Dr. Brett Becker

* **HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Hymnal, #372

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**

* **HYMN OF CHRISTMAS INCARNATION** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hymnal, #376

* **BENEDICTION**

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

on screens

* **POSTLUDE**

Dr. Christopher Davis

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE: Greeters: Edie and Roger Wells;
 Liturgist: Nancy Russo; Children's Sermon: Julie Sommers



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This week I will pray for:

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

14 9:30a Worship 9:45a Church School 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:30a Alternative Gift Faire 11a Eclipsing Empire Adult Ed. Class 2-5p Ministerios Llamada Final	15 7p Eve Circle 7p AA Grateful Group	16 9:30a Christmas Tea - home of Bobbie Rubin 6p Session Dinner 7p Session 7p SBMC	17 6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final 7p AA Success	18 6:30p Sarah Circle	19 6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final	20 9a Work Day 9:15a Children's Pageant Rehearsal 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.*

PYF TODAY PROGRESSIVE DINNER 5-8:30p.m. Dressy holiday event at various homes, meet and end at the church. PYF Sunday, December 21 at the church, 6-8p.m. White Elephant gift exchange, dinner provided.

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

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIRE WILL BE HELD TODAY IN MORGAN HALL AT 10:30A.M.

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, Children's Christmas Pageant during worship. Bring "White Gifts" of food. (Wrap gifts of food in white tissue paper - do NOT tape.) Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 20, 9:15a.m. in the Sanctuary.

CHURCH WORK DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 9A-12NOON.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US. Sunday, December 21: Christmas Sunday Worship Service, 9:30a.m. Children's Nativity Pageant. Bring "white gifts" of food for the Santa Barbara Foodbank. Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00p.m. Reception following.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH AUDIO at St. Andrew's. We are in need of volunteers to run the audio at the 9:30a.m. Sunday service at St. Andrew's. Training will be provided. If you can help, please contact Michael Padden-Rubin at michaelpadden@hotmail.com or (805) 682-7891.

SANTA BARBARA MISSION CONFERENCE, Friday, January 23, 7-9p.m. and Saturday, January 24, 8:45a.m. to 5p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Register online at sbmissionconference.org

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 worship leaders and musicians who lead worship in our local churches