

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY
December 16, 2012**

** Indicates a time to stand, if you are able*

- PRELUDE** *Konrad Kono*
- GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP** *Dr. Brett Becker*
- * **PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**
- * **HYMN OF ADVENT** "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" Hymnal, #15
- PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison*
- SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION**
- SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION** "Change My Heart"
on screens
- ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE** *responsive*
- * **GLORIA** "Angels We have Heard on High" (chorus only)
Hymnal, #23
- LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: JOY**
Pam Polan, Dana Monk, Linda Sorensen, and Suzanne Malloy
- 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.
- * **OFFERING RESPONSE** "O Bless the Gifts" *on screens*
- * **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**
- A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH** Isaiah 11: 1-4a, 5-7

THE LITANY OF THE CHILDREN

From the gospels of Matthew and Luke

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY

PRESENTATION OF OUR "WHITE GIFTS" WITH CAROLS

As we sing carols, the congregation is invited to process to the manger. Those with "white gifts" of food may leave them there. Please remain seated until the row in front of you has started down the isle.

- * **HYMN OF CHRISTMAS** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"
Hymnal, #22
- * **BENEDICTION**
- * **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
It is our tradition at St. Andrew's to hold our neighbors' hands while we sing.
- * **POSTLUDE** *Konrad Kono*

Participants in This Morning's Service:

Greeters: Diane and Tom Weisenburger

Participants in the Children's Nativity:

Readers:

Maggie Knauss, Hannah Sommers, Kelly Thoits,
Megan Zink and Paul Zink

Xylophites:

Patrick Knauss, Katie Lefley, Shannon Thoits,
Hannah Sommers, Billy Spencer and Paul Zink

Wise men singing:

Dave Bohn, Paul Zink, and Lee Thompson

Children in the pageant:

Conner Acuna, Amanda Avila, Jillian Avila,
Korey Becker, John Gonzalez, Jared Hertig,
Megan Malengo, Shelby Malengo,
James Padden-Rubin, Mary Padden-Rubin,
Lila Woodard, Tara Woodard, and Jesse Zamora

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.*

PYF TODAY - 5p.m. Progressive Dinner.

VOICES OF CHRISTMAS DINNER THEATRE, DECEMBER 21 AND 22, 6P.M. IN MORGAN HALL. Bev Ford is taking reservations for the dinner theatre during coffee time. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS! We need **(used but not abused)** toys, books and games for children of all ages, newborn to 12 years old and gift cards for older children. Deadline for donated items is today.

**DEADLINE FOR THE ANGEL TREE GIFTS IS TODAY.
THE DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY LIGHTHOUSE IS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH.**

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH.
SANTA BARBARA MISSION CONFERENCE** Jan. 25-26.
Register now by going online at
www.sbmissionconference.org or by picking up and
completing a brochure. Brochures are available 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 7:00 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>
<i>Gloria Wise</i>	<i>Brian</i>	<i>Successful bone marrow transplant, many months of healing</i>

Joys

<u>From</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Joy</u>
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Ongoing Prayer Requests

Those who have been ill or injured: Frank Gunther, Dorothy Naegle, Carole Wallace (friend of Porter Spencer – has a broken back)

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

Those in convalescent care:

Goleta Cottage: Liz McNeil; Mission Terrace: Eleanor Vos;
Vista Del Monte Health Center: Margaret Blake and
Barbara Hagen

Those who are serving our country:

Charles Spencer, US Army, Fort Drum, New York.

Presbytery Prayer Concern:

Congregation and staff at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church of Thousand Oaks, Pastor Stuart Bond, and Associate Pastor Dana Shaw

Advent at St. Andrew's

December 16	9:30a Worship Children's Sunday Children's Nativity Pageant 5p PYF Progressive Dinner
December 21 & 22	"Voices of Christmas" Dinner Theatre 6p Dinner, 7p Theatre
December 23	9:30a Worship
December 24	Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Reception following