

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CHOIR SUNDAY
December 18, 2011**

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

PRELUDE

GREETING

Dr. Brett Becker

*** PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

*** HYMN OF GATHERING** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
Hymnal, #143

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

Merciful God, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. Even in this Advent season, we have lived for ourselves and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. O God, in your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, so that we may choose your will and obey your commandments, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *responsive*

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE

The Taylor Griffith Family

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

"The Joy, Peace, and Love of Christmas"

St. Andrew's Choir

Dauri Kennedy, Director; Konrad Kono, Piano

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"

O bless the gifts our hands have brought;
and bless the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
the rest, O God, is in your hand.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"
(vss. 1 & 4) Hymnal, #392

*** BENEDICTION**

*** SENDING** "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**

POINSETTIAS

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

Greeters: Nina & Nevin Chamberlain

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle:

The Taylor Griffith Family

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.*

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIRE continues today in Morgan Hall. You can contribute to Transition House, the Foodbank "Backpack" program, Church World Services and the Angel Tree.

PYF - Tonight, Progressive Dinner, meet at the church at 5p.m.

PLEDGE INCOME REPORT

Amount pledged through 11-30-11: \$251,456

Amount received from pledges as of 11-30-11: \$224,792

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS SOUP SUPPER. Wednesday, December 21, 6:00p.m. in Morgan Hall. \$6 per person \$18 max per family (children 7 and under free). Sign up with Bev Ford during Coffee Fellowship.

25th ANNUAL OUTDOOR LIVING NATIVITY, December 21st and 22nd, 7:30 -8:00 p.m. On the Church Lawn, (inside if it rains) with music, carols and a donkey. Reception following in Morgan Hall. Rehearsal for OLN Saturday, December 17, 8:00a.m., dress rehearsal Tuesday, December 20, 5:00p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE, Saturday, December 24, 7p.m. "The Child That Led Them."

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD.

PRAYER PARTNERS is a new opportunity for adults in our church family to be a prayer partner and to make a difference in the life and faith of a teenage youth. Prayer partners pray for each other, greet and encourage each other, grow in friendship and attend occasional prayer partner church events. The Youth Ministries Team is hoping that every 7th through 12th grader will have a prayer partner. Flyers with sign up forms are available in the narthex and church office, or contact Sandy Thoits. **PRAYER PARTNER MEET "N" GREET,** January 8, 8:30AM before worship, in Morgan Hall, a first gathering of adult and youth prayer partners. Refreshments provided.

In Memory of:

Ruby Frenchick,

Bob Frenchick, Sr.,

Bob Frenchick, Jr.

Tommie & Ross Gilmour,

Elaine Giffen, mother,

Parents, Harvey & Helen Rudolph

Our parents,

Bert & Belva Chamberlain,

C.V. & Mildred Lenche

Thomas Vickers, our son

David Mastrangelo -

In my heart forever

Ed Bowers & Jack Andersen

Ocea Allbright,

Dorothy Klassert

Norma Jean Walters

Dorotha Brunn,

Roy Overton

Deborah Bohn Goetz

Wesley Bohn

Doug Willsie, husband

Walton Ross

Ted Johnson

Jim Mann

Rod Crow

Ed & Esther Kerry

Husband, Shad Monk,

Parents Dave & Dorothy Abraham

Given by:

Marie Sue Parsons

Mary & Jim Gilmour

William & Joan Oakley

Nevin & Nina Chamberlain

Don & Sara Vickers

Nancy Russo

John & Ariel Bowers

Carolyn & Robert Allbright

Fred & Bev Walters

Saundra Painter

Joan & Dave Bohn

Caroline Willsie

Shirley Ross

Betty Johnson

Cree Mann

Lily Crow & the Lefley
Family

Mona Wise

Dana Monk

In Memory of:

My sister, Gwen Williams
 Stephen Boyle & James Giusto
 Wilbert & Adrianna Lemkuil,
 Martin Damron
 Herb Spencer & Chuck Gilbreth
 Beloved father & grandfather,
 Peter Cary
 Harold & Mildred Berg
 Our parents and our brothers
 Dearest Jeanette
 Bob & Elva Wightman -
 parents & grandparents,
 Bob Grimmesey -
 father & grandfather
 Rae Miesbauer



In Honor of:

Cora & Gordon Specht
 The Christ Child
 Our children & grandchildren -
 Bernie, Judy, Erica, Jessica,
 & Hallie
 Dorothy Ault, my mother
 Suzanne Malloy
 Tavia Damron
 Granddaughter Kayla Ann
 Malengo, born August 14, 2011

Given by:

Bev Ford
 Marjorie Boyle
 Bud & Peggy Sue Lemkuil
 Porter Spencer
 Pam, George, Harry & Grace
 Cary
 Susan Berg Arnold
 Dick & Ann Zylstra
 Paul
 Elaine Grimmesey,
 Suzanne, Robert &
 families
 Bob Miesbauer

Given by:

Mary & Jim Gilmour
 Harold & Enid Englund
 Nina & Nevin Chamberlain
 Caroline Willsie
 Dana Monk
 Bud & Peggy Sue Lemkuil
 Frank & Linda Gunther

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>
Ann Padden-Ruben Congregation	Ryan Lisa DeBoer	Fighting bone cancer Recovering from back surgery
Lisa Zamora		Prayers for final court day (1-4-12)

Joys

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

Those who have been ill or injured: Rick Lee
 Please let us know of changes we should make in the Prayer List.

Those in convalescent care:

Abundant Care II: Leora Phillips; Cliff View Terrace: Aaron Case;
 Goleta Cottage: Liz McNeil; Mission Terrace: Aaron Case and
 Eleanor Vos; Samarkand Health Center: Jane Hewitt; Vista Del
 Monte Health Center: Margaret Blake

Presbytery Prayer Concern: Congregation and staff at Goleta Presbyterian Church, Pastor Deborah Kehle, Commissioned Lay Pastor Jeannie Cavender, minister member at large Steve Jacobsen, retired minister Warren Studer