

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 2, 2012**

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

**PRELUDE** *John Douglas*

**GREETING** *responsive* *Dr. Brett Becker*

\* **PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

\* **ADVENT HYMN** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"  
*Hymnal, #2*

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *responsive* *Rev. Suzanne Malloy*

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

**CONFESSION OF SIN** *unison*

**SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** *responsive*

**GLORIA** "Angels We have Heard on High" *Hymnal, #23*  
*chorus only*

**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

*Mike & Christine Malengo with Shelby, Megan and Kayla*

**ADVENT HYMN** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel!" *Hymnal, #9*

**A READING FROM THE PROPHETS** *Isaiah 40: 1-9*

**ANTHEM** "Come to the Table" *St. Andrew's Choir*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** *Suzanne Grimesey*

**THE GOSPEL READING** *John 1: 19-34*

**AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD** *Dr. Brett Becker*  
"Here Is Your God!"

\* **HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"  
*Hymnal, #411*

**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, #591*

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE** *responsive*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION**

\* **HYMN OF FAITH** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"  
*Hymnal, #263*

\* **BENEDICTION**

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

\* **POSTLUDE** *John Douglas*

## PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

Greeter: Michael & Ann Padden Rubin with James and Mary; Liturgist & Communion Celebrant: Rev. Suzanne Malloy; Children's Sermon: Suzanne Grimmesey; Communion Servers: Linda Gunther, Jackie Parker, Chase Grier, Ann Lawler, Diane Weisenburger and Doris Caswell

## 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** December 2, 6-8p.m. at the church. Christmas White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring a wrapped advent themed item from home. No gag gifts please. Dinner provided. Next week, December 9, Gingerbread houses & dinner, 6-8p.m.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA** 2p.m. in Morgan Hall. If you have already signed up we will see you this afternoon.

**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MART TODAY** and December 9, 10:30a.m in Morgan Hall. The Angel Tree is in Morgan Hall. Take an angel, purchase the gift and return the gift to the collection box in Morgan Hall.

**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.

**JOIN ST. ANDREW'S FRIENDS** on Sunday, December 9 after worship to hand out flyers and invite our church neighbors to the Voices of Christmas Dinner Theatre. Meet on the patio. Everyone welcome.

**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. Please bring your donated items to the church by December 16, 2012.

**UPDATE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM** As of Monday, November 26, we have received 99 pledges for 2013 for a total of \$256,911. In comparison the total amount pledged in 2012 was \$257,320.50, a difference of \$409.50. Significant is the fact that in 2012 we had 108 pledging units, 9 more than this year. The Finance Team is ready to prepare the 2013 budget for St. Andrew's. If you are still considering pledge for next year, please turn your card in as soon as possible. You can find pledging cards in the pew racks or in the church office. Thank you so much.

## 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 7:00 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>
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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:* Frank Gunther & 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;  
Samarkand Health Center: Gordon Specht; 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:*

Presbytery Moderator Rev. Jeff Bridgeman, Past Moderator and Chair of Presbytery Council Rev. Janet Loughry; former Moderator Elder Ruric Nye