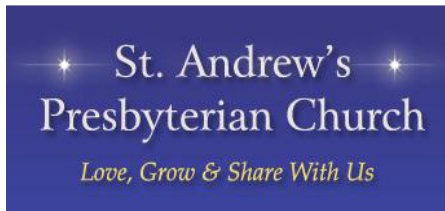


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**ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PAGEANT
SUNDAY
December 21, 2014**



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

PRELUDE

Dr. Christopher Davis

GREETING *responsive*

Dr. Brett Becker

PASTOR: As we near the climax of this season of hope, peace, love, and joy, come worship the Lord with me!

PEOPLE: **We come fully expecting to find God in the midst of our worship!**

*** PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you!

OTHER: **And also with you!**

*** SONG OF GATHERING** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hymnal, #9

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *responsive* Philippians 2: 1-11

ONE: If there is any encouragement in Christ

MANY: **If there is any comfort in his love**

ONE: If there is any fellowship in the Spirit

MANY: **If there is any affection and compassion**

ONE: Then make my joy complete by being like-minded. Do nothing out of selfishness or vain conceit.

MANY: **But with humility of mind, let us consider others as more important than ourselves.**

ONE: Not merely looking out for your own personal interests

MANY: **But also for the interests of others.**

ONE: Have this mind in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus

MANY: **Who, though he existed in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.**

ONE: But rather, he emptied himself and took on the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of humankind.

MANY: **And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.**

ONE: Therefore also God has highly exalted him, and has given him the name that is above every name.

MANY: **So that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.**

ONE: And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

ALL: **Today we will worship that God and the Son he has given to the world!**

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** "Joy to the World" Hymnal, #40

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

Wise and powerful God, you have given us your light and truth to guide us through confusion, yet we have relied instead on our 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. Call us back into your presence, O God; overcome our separation from one another and from you. By your Word and worth this Christmas, bestow upon us gifts that equip us to meet this season's demands, so that we might be your people in the world and live in the confidence and joy of Jesus Christ, our living and coming King. 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 no condemnation. There is only God's gracious provision.

MANY: **Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Those who come to me shall not hunger, and those who believe in me shall never thirst."**

ONE: Friends, believe the Good News!

MANY: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

ONE: Hallelujah!

ALL: **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE – JOY *The Sommers Family*

HYMN OF PEACE ON EARTH "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Hymnal, #38

ADVENT MEDITATION "Weary Adults, Exuberant Kids!" *Dr. Brett Becker*

THE CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PAGEANT

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 aisle.

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

* **BENEDICTION**

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

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

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE: Greeters: Nina and Nevin Chamberlain;
Lighting the Advent Candle: Julie and Dave Sommers with Hannah, Jordan and Nettie Graham



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This week I will pray for:

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

<p>21 9:30a Worship 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 11a Eclipsing Empire Adult Ed. Class</p> <p>2-5p Ministerios Llamada Final 6p PYF</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7p AA Grateful Group</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7p Christmas Eve Worship Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p>
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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.*

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US. Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00p.m. Reception following.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY.

PYF TODAY at the church, 6-8p.m. White Elephant gift exchange, dinner provided.

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

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

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

PLEDGE RECEIPTS: 2014 Budget for Pledge Receipts YTD November 30, \$219,019, actual pledge receipts YTD Nov. 30 were \$205,890. Under Budget - \$13,129

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