



ORDER OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 4, 2016



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

PRELUDE

Dr. Christopher Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brett Becker

* GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP *responsive*

PASTOR: Lift up your hands

PEOPLE: **And bless the Lord!**

PASTOR: How very good and pleasant it is

PEOPLE: **When the people of God gather together in worship!**

PASTOR: Come, worship the Lord with me!

ALL: **And let us exalt God's name together!**

* PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you!

OTHER: **And also with you!**

* HYMN OF PROMISE "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Hymnal, #411

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Jackie Parker, Robin & Maggie Knauss, and Carson Pallad

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *responsive* I Corinthians 13

Rev. Judith Muller

ONE: Love is patient and kind.

MANY: **God, it is hard to be patient at this time of the year when there is so much that we need and want to do. When other people slow us down, Lord, help us to be kind and patient with them.**

ONE: Love is not jealous or conceited or proud.

MANY: **But we often are. We look at some people and think that we are superior to them. We look at others and think that we will never match up! Forgive us for comparing and judging, O God.**

ONE: Love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable.

MANY: **But we sometimes blurt out rude and hurtful accusations, almost before we know what we are saying. Change our hearts, O God, and help us to learn to think before we speak.**

ONE: Love does not keep a record of wrongs.

MANY: **But we remember wrongs when we are angry or when we want to have our own way. We even use them to hurt the people we love. Help us, God, to forget and forgive.**

ONE: Love is happy with the truth of God. Love never gives up; its faith and hope never fail.

ALL: Teach us, God, to persevere in love, knowing that as you forgive us, we can forgive others, confident that through Christ your strong yet humble character is being developed in us. Amen.

SILENT AND PERSONAL PRAYER

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE *unison*

Here is what is great about the love of God: it allows us to start anew each day! It always forgives, always believes, always encourages, always endures. It abides forever! And we are the recipients of that great love and grace. Let us never forget: we belong to God and God will never let us go! Amen.

SONG OF THANKS "You Have Been Good" 2x *Renew!, #25*

A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE Exodus 16: 11–26

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Come to the Table" St. Andrew's Choir; *Evan Schindler, directing*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN *Julie Sommers*

SENDING SONG "Jesus Loves Me" *on screens*

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 14: 14–21

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD SOLUS CHRISTUS: MATTHEW'S GOSPEL *Dr. Brett Becker*

"God's Leftovers!"

* **HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Here I Am, Lord" Hymnal, #525

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**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE *responsive*

MINISTER: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

CONGREGATION: People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

MINISTER: This is the Lord's Table.

CONGREGATION: It is not the Presbyterian table.

MINISTER: Neither is it the Lutheran table, the Baptist table, or the Methodist table.

CONGREGATION: All are welcome here. Anyone who has been called by God is invited to come and put their trust in Christ.

MINISTER: According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, just as we, ministering in his name, now give it to you. And when the disciples received it, their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus! Lift up your hearts!

CONGREGATION: We lift them to the Lord.

MINISTER: Give thanks, for God is good.

CONGREGATION: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

MINISTER: Everlasting God, we thank you for making us in your image to live with each other in love, and for the breath of life and the freedom to choose your way.

CONGREGATION: Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God Almighty. Your ways are just and true. With people of faith from all times and places, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy.

MINISTER: Holy God, we thank you for your son Jesus, who lived with us sharing joy and sorrow. He told your story. He healed the sick and was a friend of sinners. He stood against the institutional powers and was killed because of his influence.

**CONGREGATION: We praise you that he is not dead, but is risen to rule the world!
We trust him to overcome every power that would hurt or divide us,
that we might meet him again in glory.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION (Gluten free bread is available)

- * **HYMN OF ADVENT** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hymnal, #2
- * **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
- * **BENEDICTION RESPONSIVE** "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
- * **POSTLUDE** *Dr. Christopher Davis*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE: Greeter: Mona Wise;
 Liturgist and Communion Celebrant: Rev. Judith Muller; Children's Sermon: Julie Sommers;
 Communion Servers: Mike Shinn, Diana Lee, Linda Sorensen, Berna Sutter, Carol Lefley and
 Doris Caswell



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This week I will pray for:

Prayer requests for the Prayer Chain please email:
 Lydia Swanson: lydiaswanson@hotmail.com

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

<p>4 9:30a Worship 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:45a Deacons 11a Adult Ed. Class</p> <p>2p Presbyterian Women's Christmas Tea</p> <p>6p PYF - Zodo-s Bowling</p>	<p>5</p> <p>3p Cerebral Palsy</p> <p>7p AA Grateful Group</p>	<p>6 7a Men's Fellowship Group</p> <p>1p Parkinson's</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p> <p>7p AA Success</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1p Parkinson's</p> <p>7p Eve Circle home of Nancy Doner</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p>	<p>10 10a Novel Book Group - home of Linda Wisner 11a HOT Team</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.

PYF TONIGHT - Zodo's Bowling 6-8p.m. Sunday, December 11, Progressive Dinner, 5:30p.m.

THE PYF ARE COLLECTING MEN'S CLOTHING AND TOYS to be delivered to Los Angeles MEND. A collection box will be in the Narthex. Please bring all items by December 17.

THE ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIRE - TODAY AND DECEMBER 18 10:30A.M. IN MORGAN HALL.

ADULT ED. The DVD series on "Violence Divine," will conclude today at 11a.m. in Morgan Hall.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA today 2-4p.m. in Morgan Hall.

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO A RETIREMENT PARTY HONORING MARGARET SIADAL on Sunday, December 11, 10:30a.m. in Morgan Hall.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017 SANTA BARBARA MISSION CONFERENCE IS NOW OPEN. The conference will take place Friday evening, January 27 and all day Saturday, January 28, at First Presbyterian Church. Register by going online at sbmissionconference.org or by picking up and completing a brochure in the narthex.

2017 "FREE TO VISION" COMMITMENT PLEDGE CARDS are still being received. Place them in the morning offering plate or mail to the church office.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING will be received on Sunday, December 18.

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:

Bob Allbright, David Benson, Miller Breese, Ernie & Betty Brooks, Marjorie Boyle, Harold Englund, Brad Naegle, Pam Polan, Carole Wallace

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

Those in convalescent care:

St. John's Hospital, Camarillo: Liz McNeil
Valle Verde Health Center: Bob McWilliams
Vista Del Monte Health Center: Joan Cyr