



## ORDER OF WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 6, 2015



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

**PRELUDE**

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

**WELCOME**

*Dr. Brett Becker*

**GREETING**      *responsive*

**PASTOR:** In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north!

**PEOPLE:** **But one great fellowship of love, throughout the whole wide earth!**

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

**ONE:** The peace of Christ be with you!

**MANY:** **And also with you!**

**\* HYMN OF GATHERING**      "In Christ There Is No East or West"

*Hymnal, #439*

**LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE**

*The Padden-Rubin Family*

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**      *responsive*      Galatians 3:26-29

*Rev. Judith Muller*

**ONE:** In Christ Jesus, we are all children of God by faith!

**MANY:** **For everyone who has been baptized in Christ has clothed themselves with Christ.**

**ONE:** There is therefore now no longer Jew or Greek.

**MANY:** **There is no longer slave or free.**

**ONE:** There is no longer male or female.

**MANY:** **For we all are one in Christ.**

**ONE:** And if we belong to Christ

**ALL:** **Then we are heirs of God according to the promise!**

**\* ADVENT HYMN**      "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*Hymnal, #9*

**PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION**      *unison*

O God, fill our hearts with the light of Christ's presence and with the love and justice of Jesus so that we might reflect your grace. Teach us during this Advent season to look out for the most vulnerable, to remember the marginalized, and to dig deeply for mercy towards all. We want to be your faithful people, diligent in deeds of love, abundant in acts of compassion. Enable us to put ourselves aside and place others first. For the sake of the Savior, Amen.

**SILENT AND PERSONAL PRAYERS**

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

*on screens*

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**      *responsive*

**ONE:** If anyone is in Christ

**MANY:** **He or she is a new creation.**

**ONE:** The old things have passed away.

**MANY:** Behold, all things have become new!

**ONE:** Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

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

**ONE:** Give thanks, for the Lord is good.

**ALL:** God's love is everlasting.

**A READING FROM THE PROPHETS** Malachi 3:1-4

**ONE:** The Word of the Lord.

**MANY:** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** "O Come to Us Emmanuel"

*St. Andrew's Choir,  
Mandee Sikich, Director*

*Julie Sommers*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**SENDING SONG** "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

*on screens*

**THE GOSPEL READING** Luke 1:68-79

**ONE:** The Word of the Lord.

**MANY:** Thanks be to God.

**AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD** "Cleansing Prophet"

*Dr. Brett Becker*

\* **HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Live Into Hope"

Hymnal, #332

**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 is truly sorry for his or her sins and would put their trust in Christ is invited to come.

**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 in our hearts that we might carry on his work of love and justice in the world.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION** (Gluten free bread is available)

\* **SONG OF PROMISE** "Seek Ye First"

Hymnal, #333

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

\* **POSTLUDE**

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:** Greeter: Kathy VanSlyke;  
 Liturgist and Communion Celebrant: Rev. Judith Muller; Children's Sermon: Julie Sommers;  
 Communion Servers: Carol Lefley, Paul Zink, Nina Chamberlain, Linda Sizer, Linda Gunther,  
 and Diana Lee



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*This week I will pray for:*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S**

<p><b>6</b> 9:30a Worship/Communion 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 11a Adult Ed. Class</p> <p>2p Women's Christmas Tea</p> <p>6p PYF</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>3p Cerebral Palsy</p> <p>7p AA</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7a Men's Fellowship Group</p> <p>9:15a Naomi Circle</p> <p>1p Parkinson's</p> <p>7p SBMC</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final 6:30p Preschool Pajama Party 7p Choir 7p AA</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>1p Parkinson's</p> <p>7p Choir 7p Finance Committee</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>11a Hospitality and Outreach Team</p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p>
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2016 PLEDGE CARDS** are still being received. Please turn in your Stewardship SAIL pledge commitment card by placing it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Extra pledge cards are available on the table in the narthex, in the pew pockets or in the church office. Thank you for your gifts in Christ for ministry and mission.

**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 TODAY** at the church 6p.m. Gingerbread Houses, pizza dinner. PYF Sunday, December 13, 5-8p.m. Progressive Dinner.

**ADULT ED. CLASS "FIRST LIGHT" TODAY AT 11a.m. IN MORGAN HALL.** Classes will continue December 13 and January 2, 10.

**THE ST. ANDREW'S WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA.** The day is here for the Presbyterian Women's Tea! If you have already signed up, we will see you at 2:00p.m. in Morgan Hall.

**WOMEN OF ST. ANDREW'S ARE** invited to a Christmas Breakfast at the home of Bobby Rubin, December 15th anytime after 9:30a.m., 215 E. Mission in Santa Barbara. Come and see the special collection of Nativities and enjoy a Christmas Blessing. Questions call 966-3311.

**COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS HOLIDAY BASKETS.** The Mission Team is seeking items to fill holiday baskets that will go to needy working families in our local community. **Bring your donated items to St. Andrew's no later than Thursday, December 10.** You are invited to Hollister School MPR on Saturday, December 12, 8a-1p to put together these baskets. Items needed: cocoa mix/tea/coffee, cookies (fancy in a can) sparkling juice/cider, tree ornaments, new books, cake/cookie mixes, muffin/bread mixes, holiday paper plates/napkins, chocolate, candy/small toys for stockings.

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016.**

## 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](mailto: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 & Carolin Allbright, David Benson, Miller Breese, Ernie & Betty Brooks, Brad Naegle, Carole Wallace, Dick Zylstra

*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