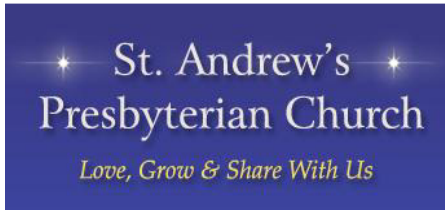


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**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 7, 2014**



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

PRELUDE

Dr. Christopher Davis

GREETING

Dr. Brett Becker

PASTOR: Who is the King of glory? Who is the Light of the world?

PEOPLE: **Jesus Christ. He is our risen Lord and everlasting Friend.**

PASTOR: We will worship him today!

PEOPLE: **We will praise his holy name!**

*** PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you!

OTHER: **And also with you!**

*** ADVENT SONG OF GATHERING**

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Hymnal, #8

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

responsive

Rev. Suzanne Malloy

ONE: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good!

MANY: **God's love is everlasting!**

ONE: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

MANY: **Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

ONE: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

MANY: **Thank you, God.**

ONE: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and shared hardships;

MANY: **We thank you, God.**

ONE: For work to do and strength to work; for the camaraderie of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

MANY: **We thank you, God.**

ONE: For the Church into which we have been called; for the Good News we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;

MANY: **We thank you, God.**

ONE: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts grateful worship;

MANY: **We praise you, God.**

ONE: Above all, O God, for your son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;

MANY: **We thank and praise you, eternal God, for all your goodness to us!**

ONE: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good!

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

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Rita Hardin, Dana Monk, Margaret Siadal

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

CONFESSION OF SIN *unison*

God of grace and God of glory, you show us again and again what it means to love. You come to us in grace and in patience. You sent your son Jesus to love us into wholeness. Yet we find it easier to love things than to love you. If the truth be told, we know more about using people to get what we want than about loving them for who they are. Forgive us, O Lord! Fill us with the power of your Spirit, so that your compassion and care might be born in us anew and, through us, might change the world. Amen.

SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *responsive*

ONE: To all who seek forgiveness through confession of sin and commitment to change, God responds with mercy and grace.

MANY: In Christ, all things become new: our devotion, our strength, ourselves.

ONE: Believe the good news, my friends!

MANY: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ONE: Glory be to the God who has saved us!

ALL: Hallelujah! Amen.

NEW MEMBERS JOIN

Elvia Addison, Danny Clapp, Larry Coldren, Shelley Coldren, Helen Cummings, Merlyn Cummings, Hazel Davidson, Paul Davidson, Barbara Gaughen-Muller, Emily Macway, and Mitchell Shahbazian

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS Isaiah 40: 1-9

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Come to the Table"

St. Andrew's Choir

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Julie Sommers

THE GOSPEL READING Mark 1: 1-11

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

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

* **HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Help Us Accept Each Other" Hymnal, #358

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. Obeying you, he took up his cross and was killed that we might live.

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 DISCIPLESHIP** "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" Hymnal, #434

* **BENEDICTION**

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

* **POSTLUDE**

Dr. Christopher Davis

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE: Greeters: Randi & Bob Rice; Liturgist and Communion Celebrant: Rev. Suzanne Malloy; Lighting the Advent Candle: Rita Hardin, Dana Monk, Margaret Siadal; Children's Sermon: Julie Sommers; Communion Servers: Karen Noffz, Linda Gunther, Elaine Grimesey, Paul Zink, Carol Lefley, and Berna Sutter



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This week I will pray for:

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

<p>7 9:30a Worship/ Communion 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:30a Alternative Christmas Faire</p> <p>2p PW Christmas Tea</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7p Eve Circle - home of Doris Caswell</p> <p>7p AA Grateful Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:15a Naomi Circle</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final 7p AA Success</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7p Choir 7p Finance Committee</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30p Ministerios Llamada Final</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30a Novel Book Group-home of Linda Wisner</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.*

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIRE WILL BE HELD TODAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN MORGAN HALL.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA WILL BE HELD TODAY 2P.M. IN MORGAN HALL.

NO PYF TODAY. PYF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, Progressive Dinner, dessert at the church, 5-8p.m.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US. Sunday, December 21: Christmas Sunday Worship Service, 9:30a.m. Children's Nativity Pageant. Bring "white gifts" of food for the Santa Barbara Foodbank. Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00p.m. Reception following.

ECLIPSING EMPIRE ADULT ED. CLASS: Class nine Sunday, December 14 in Morgan Hall at 11a.m.

COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS-HOLIDAY BASKET DRIVE. Sat. 12/13 Hollister School 8a-1p. Items to fill holiday baskets will be collected. A complete list of items is in the November *Lighthouse*, and flyers are available in the Narthex. Items need to be brought to the church no later than Thursday, December 11.

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

THE TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY is taking a break for the holidays. They will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 6 in the Crawford Library.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015.

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, Pat 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
Vista Del Monte Health Center: Joan Cyr and Barbara Hagen

Presbytery Prayer Concern:

All of the choir directors who lead worship in our local churches