

ORDER OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 8, 2013

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

PRELUDE *Bridget Hough-Meynenc*

GREETING *responsive* *Dr. Brett Becker*

PASTOR: Come and celebrate with me this season of hope, peace, love, and joy!

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

* 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 from his love

ONE: If there is any fellowship of the Spirit

MANY: If any affection and compassion

ONE: Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love. 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 our 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: That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

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

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

* HYMN OF PRAISE "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Hymnal, #48

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

Wise and powerful God, you have given us light and truth to guide us through confusion, yet we have relied instead on our own human understanding and have lost our way. You offer to share our burdens and give us your strength, yet we trust in our own efforts and find ourselves exhausted. Call us back into your presence this Advent season, O God; overcome our separation from one another and from you. By your Word and worth, bestow upon us gifts that equip us to meet life'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

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION *Linda Sorensen*
Alternative Gift Faire/Weekend of Caring

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE
Elaine Grimmesey, Suzanne Grimmesey and
Edwin Feliciano, with Amanda, James and Anna

HYMN OF COMTEMPLATION "In the Bleak Midwinter"
(vss. 1 & 4) Hymnal, #36

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**

ST. ANDREW'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT
"Night of Wonder, Night of Joy"
Solo: Grace Gibbs, Lee Thompson
Dauri Kennedy, directing, Bridget Hough-Meynenc, piano

* **BENEDICTION**

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

* **POSTLUDE** *Bridget Hough-Meynenc*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

Greeters: Mike Shinn with Cameron, Hayden and Evan

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.*

HAROLD ENGLUND thanks all who had a part in his 90th birthday extravaganza last Sunday.

PYF TODAY - Gingerbread Houses & dinner, 6-8p.m. in Morgan Hall. Next Sunday, December 15, 5p.m. Progressive Dinner.

POINSETTIAS Please use the order blank in the bulletin. Orders need to be received by December 15.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIRE will be held today and December 15 in Morgan Hall. Purchase gifts in honor or memory of someone from Church World Services, the Foodbank, Transition House, and Unite-to-Light solar lights, for Seeway Tanzania orphanage.

THE ANGEL TREE is in Morgan Hall. Select an angel, buy the gift listed, and return the gift unwrapped to St. Andrew's and the gift will be delivered to the Christmas Unity Shoppe.

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

DECEMBER 15TH OUR CHILDREN WILL BE PRESENTING THE NATIVITY PAGEANT during worship. Rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 14th, 9-10:30a.m. in the Sanctuary. "White Gifts" will be received.

Announcements continued

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER & CAROLING ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 22. The congregation is invited to join the PYF youth for a festive evening of fellowship and caroling. Potluck dinner in Morgan Hall at 5:30PM (bring your own table service), followed at 6:15PM by caroling in the church neighborhood and by carpooling to home bound friends. Warm up with hot chocolate at 8:00PM. Sign up (no charge) during coffee hour or contact David Adams at davidadamsl.da@gmail.com

FROM DAVE SOMMERS At St. Andrew's we focus on ways to reach out to the community. It got me thinking about ways I can give back to St. Andrew's. I study and share health tips with 20,000 friends and followers on Facebook – things like what to eat to reduce pain or the severity of a cold or flu, what foods boost the immune system, etc. To access the tips, go to www.facebook.com/dave.sommers1

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, Ernie & Betty Brooks, Dorothy Naegle,
Carole Wallace

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

Those who grieve:

Family and friends of Muriel Krebs. A memorial service is being planned for January 11th.

Those in convalescent care:

Goleta Cottage: Liz McNeil

Mission Terrace: Patricia Collins

Samarkand Health Care Center: George Hitchens

Vista Del Monte Health Center: Margaret Blake and
Barbara Hagen

Presbytery Prayer Concern:

Presbytery Moderator Rev. Ted Brandt, Past Moderator
and chair of Presbytery Council Rev. Jeff Bridgeman;
former Moderator Janet Loughry