

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 9, 2012**

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

**PRELUDE** *Konrad Kono*

**GREETING** *responsive* *Dr. Brett Becker*

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

**\* SONG OF GATHERING** "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"  
Hymnal, #11

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

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"  
Hymnal, #5

**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*

**\* GLORIA** "Angels We have Heard on High"  
(chorus only) Hymnal, #23

**LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: Love**  
*David & Nancy Russo with Sean and Allison*

**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, #591

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

**ST. ANDREW'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

"Lead Me Back To Bethlehem, Sing Gloria"

Soloists: Grace Gibbs, Skyler Jones, and Megan Wilson

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *on screens*

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

**\* POSTLUDE** *Konrad Kono*

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:**

Greeters: Randi & Bob Rice

**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.*

**PYF TODAY** - Gingerbread houses & dinner, 6-8p.m. in Morgan Hall. Next Sunday, December 16, 5p.m. Progressive Dinner.

**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MART TODAY** 10:30a.m in Morgan Hall. The Angel Tree is in Morgan Hall. Take an angel, purchase the gift and return the (unwrapped) gift to the collection box in Morgan Hall.

**JOIN ST. ANDREW'S FRIENDS THIS MORNING** after worship to hand out flyers and invite our church neighbors to the Voices of Christmas Dinner Theatre. Meet on the patio. Everyone welcome.

**VOICES OF CHRISTMAS DINNER THEATRE, DECEMBER 21 AND 22, 6P.M. IN MORGAN HALL.** Bev Ford is taking reservations for the dinner theatre during coffee time. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

**COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS!** We need **(used but not abused)** toys, books and games for children of all ages, newborn to 12 years old and gift cards for older children. Please bring your donated items to the church by December 16, 2012.

**POINSETTIAS** can still be ordered. Please use the order blank in the bulletin. Orders need to be received by December 18.

**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 7:00 pm 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>
<i>The Avila Family</i>	<i>Fernando Aliva</i>	<i>Rest in peace</i>
<i>Karen Noffz</i>	<i>Jean McNeil</i>	<i>Stroke - full recovery</i>

***Joys***

<u>From</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Joy</u>
<i>Carolyn Allbright</i>	<i>My birthday</i>	<i>On December 4</i>

**Ongoing Prayer Requests**

*Those who have been ill or injured:* Frank Gunther & Carole Wallace (friend of Porter Spencer - has a broken back)  
*Please let us know of changes we should make in the Prayer List.*

*Those in convalescent care:*  
Goleta Cottage: Liz McNeil; Mission Terrace: Eleanor Vos;  
Vista Del Monte Health Center: Margaret Blake and Barbara Hagen

*Those who are serving our country:*  
Charles Spencer, US Army, Fort Drum, New York.

*Those who grieve:*

Family and friends of Gordon Specht, died December 3

*Presbytery Prayer Concern:*

Congregation and staff at Goleta Presbyterian Church, Pastor Deborah Kehle, Commissioned Lay Pastor Jeannie Cavender, minister member at large Steve Jacobsen, retired minister Warren Studer

## **Advent at St. Andrew's**

<b>December 1</b>	<b>Advent Craft Workshop &amp; Dinner 4:30 p.m. Christmas Family Crafts 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner</b>
<b>December 2</b>	<b>9:30a Worship - Advent Wreath Begins Holy Communion Celebrated Alternative Christmas Mart 2:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women's Christmas Tea in Morgan Hall</b>
<b>December 9</b>	<b>9:30a Worship Adult Choir Christmas Concert Alternative Christmas Mart</b>
<b>December 16</b>	<b>9:30a Worship Children's Sunday Children's Nativity Pageant PYF Progressive Dinner</b>
<b>December 21 &amp; 22</b>	<b>"Voices of Christmas" Dinner Theatre 6p Dinner, 7p Theatre</b>
<b>December 23</b>	<b>9:30a Worship</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Reception following</b>