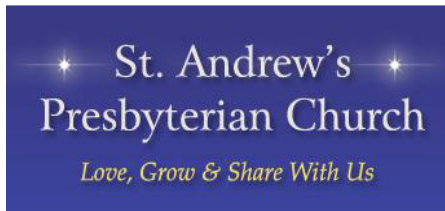


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**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 8, 2015**



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

**PRELUDE**

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

**GREETING**

*Dr. Brett Becker*

**PASTOR:** Who is the Light of the world? Who is the Good Shepherd?

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

**PASTOR:** Will we walk with him today?

**PEOPLE:** Yes, we will worship and praise his holy name!

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

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

**OTHER:** And also with you.

**\* SONG OF GATHERING**

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

*Renew!, #247*

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

*responsive*

Micah 6: 6-8, paraphrased

*Suzanne Grimesey*

**ONE:** How shall we come before the Lord today?

**MANY:** How shall we approach the God who has called us?

**ONE:** Shall we come with offerings in our hands, meant to appease an angry God?

**MANY:** No. God is a god of love, not hatred. God dispenses grace, not punishment.

**ONE:** Shall we slink into God's presence, humiliated by our actions, ashamed by our sins?

**MANY:** No. God is a god of forgiveness, not guilt. God does not shame; God redeems.

**ONE:** Shall we sacrifice something or someone we love to God, to earn God's favor?

**MANY:** No. God does not demand sacrifice, but encourages trust and obedience.

**ONE:** Then what exactly *does* God want from us on this Lord's Day?

**MANY:** God has told us what is good and has shown us what is required: first, to exercise justice toward all; second, to show compassion to each person we encounter; and third, to walk humbly with the God who has created us.

**ONE:** Can we do those things today?

**MANY:** Yes, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!

**ONE:** Does it mean leaving anything behind?

**MANY:** Yes, it means leaving behind laziness and greed. It means pressing on toward what lies ahead in Christ.

**ONE:** The old life is gone, a new life is here!

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

**ONE:** Let us give glory to the Lord who has honored and rescued us!

**ALL:** Let us worship God!

**\* SONG OF PRAISE**

"We Will Glorify"

*Renew!, #33*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**     *unison*

God of grace and glory, you have shown us what it means to love and serve. You come to us in humility and patience. You sent your son Jesus to love us into wholeness. He taught us how to live, forgiving others as we have been forgiven. And oh, how we need your forgiveness! We go around with blinders on, wrapped in our own concerns, oblivious to the deep needs of others. We walk by strangers in need, hoping that someone else will take care of them. If you had left us alone like that, O God, we wouldn't be here today! Forgive us our selfishness and open our arms wide in sharing. Teach us to pray, so that we might be hypersensitive to the deep-down needs of those we encounter daily. And then help us to serve, dear Lord, so that we do more than look good, but rather act like the redeemed people we are: saved by Christ, filled with the Spirit, motivated by mercy. Strengthen us, O God, that in our actions we might know your grace. We request these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**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 commitment, our devotion, our strength.**

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.**

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

**A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE**     Daniel 6: 1-10

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**     "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"     *St. Andrew's Choir;  
Dr. Christopher Davis, directing  
Julie Sommers*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**A READING FROM THE PSALMS**     Psalm 5: 1-8

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

**AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD**     **A HANDFUL OF LENTEN DISCIPLINES**     *Dr. Brett Becker*  
#3: "The Habit of Prayer"

\* **HYMN OF RESPONSE**     "The Lord's Prayer"     *on screens*

**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**

\* **HYMN OF FAITH**     "Be Thou My Vision"     Hymnal, #339

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

\* **POSTLUDE**     *Dr. Christopher Davis*

**PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:** Greeters: Helen and Merlyn Cummings;  
 Liturgist: Suzanne Grimesey; Children's Sermon: Julie Sommers



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*This week I will pray for:*

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

<p><b>8</b> 9:30a Worship          9:45a Church School          10:30a Coffee Hour          11a Lenten Study Group</p> <p>2-5p Ministerios          Llamada Final</p> <p>PFY</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7p Eve Circle          7p AA Grateful Group</p>	<p><b>10</b>          6:45a Men's Fellowship Group          9:15a Naomi Circle          11a Worship Team</p> <p>1p Parkinson's</p> <p>6p Sarah Circle          7p SBMC</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>6:30p Ministerios          Llamada Final</p> <p>7p AA Success</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>10a Memorial for Dorothy Naegel</p> <p>1p Parkinson's</p> <p>7p Finance          7p Choir</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>6:30p Ministerios          Llamada Final</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>10a Novel Book Group          11a HOT</p> <p>1p Watercolor Painting</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.*

**A LENTEN STUDY GROUP WILL MEET TODAY** and continue on March 15, 22 and 29, 11a.m. in the window room in Morgan Hall, titled "Countering Pharaoh's Production-Consumption Society Today." Session Two: The Decalogue.

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Dorothy Naegle will be held at St. Andrew's on Thursday, March 12, 10a.m.

**THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM** will have their annual Lenten Centers, "What Wondrous Love!" in Morgan Hall **NEXT** Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:30a.m. The Centers will remain up until Monday night if you want to come by during office hours.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE PRESBYTERY SPRING GATHERING MARCH 14, 9:30A.M. TO 2:30P.M. "Provoking to Peace"** at Goleta Presbyterian Church. Guest Speaker Kelley Scott, Chief Deputy District Attorney, Santa Barbara and Worship Leader, Rev. Deborah Kehle.

**CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)** training will be held at St. Andrew's on Monday, March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20 and 27, 6-9p.m. in Morgan Hall. This is a free class. Register at: [Justin@cprtrainingsb.com](mailto:Justin@cprtrainingsb.com)

**LENT AT ST. ANDREW'S:**

- March 29, Palm Sunday, Worship Service with Communion 9:30a.m.
- April 2, Maundy Thursday, Worship Service at Goleta Presbyterian Church, 7p.m.
- Saturday, April 4, Easter Egg Hunt, 1p.m. on the church lawn
- April 5, Easter Sunday Worship Service 9:30a.m.
- Saturday, April 11 - Sunday, April 12, "Rise Up and Serve" Weekend of Caring

## 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:*

David Benson, Miller Breese, Ernie & Betty Brooks, Patricia Collins, Brad Naegle, Carole Wallace  
*Please let us know of changes we should make in the Prayer List.*

*Those who grieve:* Family and friends of Dorothy Naegle.

A memorial service will be held at St. Andrew's on Thursday, March 12, 10a.m.

*Those in convalescent care:*

Goleta Cottage: Liz McNeil

Samarkand Health Care Center: George Hitchens

Valle Verde Health Center: Bob McWilliams

Vista Del Monte Health Center: Joan Cyr and Barbara Hagen

*Presbytery Prayer Concern:*

Congregation and staff at Ojai Presbyterian Church, Pastor Jeff Holland, Associate Pastors Megan and Tyson Babayco, Parish Associates Tamara Holland, Art Beals, and Scott Beck