



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Epiphany Sunday

### January 7, 2018



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

#### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TOGETHER

**MUSIC TO REFLECT ON**

**MUSIC TO ENGAGE**

“I Danced in the Morning”

*Asher Severini, pianist*

*St. Andrew's Choir;*

*Evan Schindler, director*

*Dr. Brett Becker, pastor*

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**GREETING**

**PASTOR:** Star of Wonder, Star of Night!

**PEOPLE:** Guide us to Thy perfect Light!

#### THE COMMUNITY WORSHIPS GOD TOGETHER

**WE CALL THE COMMUNITY TO WORSHIP**

*Rev. Judith Muller, parish associate*

**\* WE SING TOGETHER**

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Hymnal, #66

**\* WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

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

**OTHER:** And also with you.

**WE PRAY TOGETHER**

**WE CONFESS TOGETHER** *unison*

All of us need your guidance, O God. We lose our direction in so many ways that without you we would flounder and flag. But with your love, we are empowered and made strong. We are enabled to love deeply, serve freely, and forgive ourselves and others completely. Thank you, God, for freeing us from fear and liberating us to joyful obedience to what is true and good and right. Help us to think about such things, and not just to contemplate them but to do them. Make us sanctuaries for others and for their dreams of equality and justice. Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE**

**WE SING TOGETHER**

“God Who Began a Good Work in You”

“Sanctuary”

*Sing the Faith, #2163*

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**THE COMMUNITY LISTENS AND DISCERNS TOGETHER**

**A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE** Exodus 13: 17-22  
**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN OF GOD**

*Julie Sommers,  
director of Christian Education  
St. Andrew's Choir;  
Evan Schindler, director*

**ANTHEM** "The Lord is My Shepherd"  
(by Allen Pote)

**THE GOSPEL READING** Matthew 2: 1-12  
**MESSAGE** "Led by the Light"

*Dr. Brett Becker*

**THE COMMUNITY GIVES TOGETHER**

\* **WE OFFER OUR VOICES** "As with Gladness Men of Old" (vv. 1-3) Hymnal, #63  
(to the tune of "For the Beauty of the Earth")

**WE PRESENT OUR MONETARY GIFTS**  
**WE PRAY TOGETHER**

**THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES CHRIST'S PRESENCE TOGETHER**

**WE RECEIVE OUR EPIPHANY STARS**  
**WE RECEIVE COMMUNION** (*by intinction*)

\* **WE INVITE TO FELLOWSHIP**

\* **WE BLESS ONE ANOTHER** "God Be with You till We Meet Again"

\* **MUSIC TO INSPIRE**

*Asher Severini, pianist*

**THE COMMUNITY GOES OUT AND SERVES**

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION THIS MORNING:** Greeter: Bev Ford; Worship Assistant and Communion Celebrant: *Rev. Judith Muller, parish associate*; Children's Sermon: *Julie Sommers, director of Christian education*; Communion helper: *Don Vickers*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>9:30am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>11am</b> Adult Ed	<b>12:30pm</b> Spirits Group <b>1pm</b> SAIL Team <b>3pm</b> Cerebral Palsy <b>8pm</b> AA Grateful	<b>7am</b> Men's Fellowship Group <b>9:15am</b> Naomi Circle <b>1pm</b> Parkinson's <b>6:30pm</b> Master Chorale	NO PYF Homework Club <b>6:30pm</b> Ministerios Llamada Final <b>7pm</b> Choir rehearsal <b>8pm</b> AA Success	<b>1pm</b> Parkinson's <b>3pm</b> Finance Mtg	<b>6:30pm</b> Ministerios Llamada Final	<b>9am - 12pm</b> Russian School <b>10am</b> Book Club (Vos) <b>1-3pm</b> Watercolor class <b>6:30pm</b> Ministerios Llamada Final

### 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. For prayer requests to the Prayer Chain, fill out a slip from the pew and place it in a box at the rear of the sanctuary, or email to Lydia Swanson, [lydiaswanson@hotmail.com](mailto:lydiaswanson@hotmail.com).

**ADULT ED** resumes today. We will begin the third and final section of the Series *Living the Questions 2.0* entitled **Call to Covenant**. The first lesson will be **A Kingdom Without Walls**, followed by **Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision**; then **Incarnation: Divinely Human**; **Prayer: Intimacy with God**; **Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry**; **Creative Transformation** and then ending with **Embracing Mystery**. The dates are January 7, 14, 21, February 4, 11, 18 and 25. *All classes are in the Window Room of Morgan Hall at 11:00 AM.*

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** Sunday, January 28, 10:30am, following worship. Purpose: Receive the Annual Reports, 2018 Budget presented, approval of Pastor's Terms of Call.

**MUSIC MENDS MINDS - new start date:** Wednesday, January 24, from 1:00 - 3:30pm.

**ASSIST FIRE VICTIMS.** Unity Shoppe needs help with items for the Thomas fire victims and evacuees: New sweatpants, sweatshirts, warm jackets, pajamas, robes, blankets, towels, tennis shoes, socks, underwear or personal care items. Clothing and items can be dropped off in the box in the Sanctuary narthex on Sunday or in the church office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays between 9am - 2pm.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE** for the people affected by the Thomas Fire and wildfires. Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to the PC(USA) online at the PDA website <http://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000165/> To give by phone, call 800-872-3283.

**2018 "FEED MY SHEEP" COMMITMENT PLEDGE CARDS** are still being received. Place them in the Sunday morning offering plate or mail them to the church office.

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017 SANTA BARBARA MISSION CONFERENCE IS NOW OPEN.** The conference will take place Friday evening, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and all day Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at First Presbyterian Church. Register by going online at [sbmissionconference.org](http://sbmissionconference.org) or by picking up and completing a brochure in the narthex.

**SANTA BARBARA MISSION CONFERENCE** is in need of kitchen helpers. If anyone is willing to help, please contact Chuck Curtis at [ccurtis@fpcsb.org](mailto:ccurtis@fpcsb.org)