

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
THANKSGIVING WEEKEND
27th Sunday after Pentecost
November 25, 2018**

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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TOGETHER

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION *Dr. Christopher Davis, pianist*

MUSIC TO ENGAGE “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

St. Andrew’s Choir;

Evan Schindler, directing

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

Commissioned Ruling Elder Mickey Fenn

*** WE EXCHANGE CHRIST’S PEACE**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

OTHER: And also with you.

THE COMMUNITY CONFESSES TOGETHER

*** WE CALL THE COMMUNITY TO WORSHIP** *Hannah Sommers*

LEADER: We gather to praise you, O God, for all the things we can see, and sometimes understand: the sun, moon and stars; the clouds and changing seasons.

PEOPLE: We join in the eternal chorus of praise to God.

LEADER: We gather to praise you, O God for all the things in life that we cannot see or understand: all heaven’s angels, outer space; and the skies above us;

PEOPLE: We join in the eternal chorus of praise to God.

LEADER: We gather to praise you, O God, for all the things in life that we experience: the Created world, people of all ages and circumstances, all God’s creation

PEOPLE: We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God, whose name is glorious, and whose ways are holy.

*** WE SING TOGETHER** "Now Thank We All Our God"

Hymnal, #555

WE CONFESS TOGETHER *unison*

Loving God, we gather today rich in blessing, somehow believing that we merit our status in life and our creature comforts. Forgive us, our God, for comfortably closing our eyes to the faces of the poor that stare hopefully in our direction. With bellies full of Thanksgiving feasts, we offer token gestures to the hungry in our world and we feel we have done enough. Forgive us, God, for keeping a distance between "us" and "them," for closing our ears to the cries of the hungry. With hands tightly clasping our treasures on earth, we cannot reach out to our oppressed brothers and sisters around this world. Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather than to you. Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving, that we may work to ensure that all humanity may thrive in a world of wholeness, in a world of *shalom*. *(a time for silent confession)*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE *responsive*

LEADER: This is the good news: God gives us hope, God gives us peace, God gives us joy so we may share these gifts with everyone we meet.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God, who has forgiven us and provoked us to love and serve all God's children.

Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Give Thanks" Glory to God, #647

THE COMMUNITY LISTENS AND DISCERNS TOGETHER

READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE 1 Chronicles 19: 10–13

Hannah Sommers

A MESSAGE TO CHILDREN OF ALL AGES *Hannah Sommers*

ANTHEM “Grateful” *St. Andrew’s Choir;*

Evan Schindler, directing

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Colossians 3:15–17

CRE Mickey Fenn

MESSAGE “Life is Worship: An Attitude of Gratitude”

WE RESPOND IN SONG “Thankful Hearts & Voices Raise”

Glory to God, #648

(Choir to sing first time, followed by congregation)

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS IN JOYFUL SERVICE

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS and THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE PETITION IN SONG “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

Glory to God, #471

WE OFFER OUR MONETARY GIFTS

* WE OFFER OUR PRAISE “Doxology” Glory to God, #606

* WE ARE BLESSED

* WE BLESS ONE ANOTHER

“God Be With You Til We Meet Again”

* MUSIC TO INSPIRE

Dr. Christopher Davis

SERVING THE CONGREGATION THIS MORNING:

Greeter: *Barbara Gaughen–Muller & Sig Wathne*

Children’s sermon: *Rev. Suzanne Malloy*

Worship Assistant: *Hannah Sommers*

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.

PLEDGE CARDS. Thank you to all who have turned in their 2019 pledge cards. We are still expecting additional pledges. Pledge cards are available in the narthex.

HELP US DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON! Save the date, Saturday, Dec. 1st, to help the Worship & Music Team decorate. More details to follow.

PW CHRISTMAS TEA. Don't miss this festive event on Sunday, December 2, from 2:00 – 4:00pm, in Morgan Hall. Linda Sizer will be at the sign-up table after the service and happily include you as a guest or hostess. See you then!

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR WEEKEND. Thursday, Nov. 29, thru Sunday, Dec. 2nd. Interfaith candlelight vigil will be held from 5:30pm – 6:30pm on Thursday in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors. Sunday will be the Love Your Neighbor Festival from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Join us for food, music, dance, and speakers to celebrate Santa Barbara's rich immigrant community.

HOMELESS CARE BAGS are now available and are at a new location: inside the furnace room off the kitchen in Morgan Hall (through the door next to the freezer).

MISSION CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN. Registration for the 2019 Santa Barbara Mission Conference is now open (Oct. 21). Register by going online at www.sbmissionconference.org or by picking up and completing a brochure at any of our partner churches: Free Methodist Church of Santa Barbara, Ocean Hills Covenant Church or Montecito Covenant Church. The conference takes place Friday evening, Feb. 1, and all day Saturday, Feb. 2.

PASTORAL COVERAGE AND OFFICE HOURS. Suzanne Malloy's weekly office hours at the church are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00am - 12:00pm. Except for scheduled community meetings on Thursdays. Judith is available for pastoral visits in homes, hospitals, care facilities and phone calls. Judith is available to meet at the church by appointment Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Email and cell phone numbers to contact: Suzanne at semalloy@verizon.net or 805-451-3372; Judith at judithmullersb@gmail.com or 805-453-0703.

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