



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
***Second Sunday of Advent***  
**December 10, 2017**



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

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TOGETHER**

**MUSIC TO REFLECT ON**

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

**MUSIC TO ENGAGE**

“Prepare the Way, O Zion“

*Congregational Hymn, Glory to God, #106*

*Hymnal, #13*

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

*Dr. Brett Becker*

**GREETING**

**PASTOR:** Get the road ready for the Lord! Make a straight path

**PEOPLE:** Then everyone will see the saving power of God!

**THE COMMUNITY WORSHIPS GOD TOGETHER**

**WE CALL THE COMMUNITY TO WORSHIP**

*Hazel Davidson*

**LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE**

*The Davidson Family*

**\* WE SING TOGETHER**

“Angels from the Realms of Glory“

*Glory to God, #143*

*Hymnal, #22*

**\* WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

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

**OTHER:** And also with you.

**WE PRAY TOGETHER**

**WE CONFESS TOGETHER**

*unison*

*led by Elizabeth Davidson & Mary Padden-Rubin*

Holy God, through Isaiah and John you sent your word into the wilderness, crying out to repent, seek forgiveness, and prepare the way of the Lord. Now prepare the way in us and in our world for the coming of your living Word, so that all people may know your saving grace. Remove from us the hesitation that causes us not to act as your people when we are afraid of how people will respond. We know that you forgive us when we don't listen or don't act on what we know to be right, and we thank you for your grace. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that when we hear you calling us we answer, “Here I am, what would you like me to do?”

*Our Father in heaven, we pray that your name will always be kept holy. We pray that your kingdom will come. We pray that what you want will be done, here on earth as it is in heaven. Give us the food need each day. Forgive the sins we have done, just as we have forgiven those who did wrong to us. And do not cause us to be tested; but save us from evil. The kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours forever. Amen.*

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE**

*Elizabeth Davidson & Mary Padden-Rubin*

**WE SING TOGETHER**

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?“

*Glory to God, #104*

*Hymnal, #11*

## THE COMMUNITY LISTENS AND DISCERNS TOGETHER

### WE HEAR THE WORD TOGETHER

*Shelby Malengo*

LEADER: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

PEOPLE: **Listen to what the Spirit is saying to us.**

*Luke 2: 27-37 (from ICB & CEV)*

God sent the angel Gabriel to a virgin who lived in Nazareth, a town in Galilee. She was engaged to marry a man named Joseph from the family of David. Her name was Mary. **28** The angel came to her and said, "Greetings! The Lord has blessed you and is with you."

**29** But Mary was very confused by what the angel said. Mary wondered, "What does this mean?"

**30** The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary, because God is pleased with you. **31** Listen! You will become pregnant. You will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. **32** He will be great, and people will call him the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of King David, his ancestor. **33** He will rule over the people of Jacob forever. His kingdom will never end."

**34** Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen? I am a virgin!"

**35** The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come down to you, and God's power will come over you. So your child will be called the holy Son of God. **36** Your relative Elizabeth is also going to have a son, even though she is old. No one thought she could ever have a baby, but in three months she will have a son. **37** Nothing is impossible for God!"

*John 1: 1-5, 14 (from The Message):*

The Word was first,  
the Word present to God,  
God present to the Word.  
The Word was God,  
in readiness for God from day one.  
Everything was created through him;  
nothing—not one thing!—  
came into being without him.  
What came into existence was Life,  
and the Life was Light to live by.

The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness;  
the darkness couldn't put it out.  
The Word became flesh and blood,  
and moved into the neighborhood.  
We saw the glory with our own eyes,  
the one-of-a-kind glory,  
like Father, like Son,  
Generous inside and out,  
true from start to finish.

LEADER: The word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

## A NEW NATIVITY PLAY

**WOW!**

By Gwynne Watkins

Presented by the St. Andrew's Choir,  
Youth and Children's Ministries

Cast: Narrator - *John Gonzalez*

Angel - *Zac Hertig*

Mary - *Renee MacPherson*

Joseph - *James Padden-Rubin*

Shepherds - *Elizabeth Davidson, Kayla Malengo & Mary Padden-Rubin*

Angel Hosts - *The people of St. Andrew's*

Wisepersons - *Twyla, Kirk and Chase Grier*

Choir: O Come to Us, Emmanuel

Angels O'er the Field

Scene 1: What's the News?

Choir: O Come All Ye Faithful

Scene 2: Hail, Mary!

Solo: Mary Did You Know?

Scene 3: Hail, Joseph!

Choir & Congregation Sing: **Away in a Manger** (*words on screens*)

Scene 4: Hail, Shepherds!

Congregation: (*when words appear on screens, say in unison:*)

**Glory to God in the highest heaven,**

**And on earth peace among those who please God!**

Choir & Congregation Sing: **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** (*words on screens*)

Scene 5: Hail, Wise People!

Choir: We Three Kings

Scene 6: Hail, St. Andrew's

Congregation: (*when words appear on screens, say in unison:*)

**WOW! What does that mean?**

Choir & Congregation Sing: **Joy to the World** (*words on screens*)

Choir Prelude to Bethlehem

All is Well

### THE COMMUNITY GIVES TOGETHER

**WE PRESENT OUR GIFTS FOR THE FOOD BANK** (*gifts of non-perishable items brought forward*)

**WE OFFER OUR VOICES**

"Lord of All Good"

Glory to God, #711 (v 1-2)

Hymnal, #375

**WE PRESENT OUR MONETARY GIFTS**

**WE PRAY TOGETHER**

*Dr. Brett Becker*

\* **WE INVITE TO FELLOWSHIP**

\* **WE BLESS ONE ANOTHER**

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

\* **MUSIC TO INSPIRE**

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

### THE COMMUNITY GOES OUT AND SERVES

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION THIS MORNING:** Greeters: *Linda Gunther;*

Worship Assistant: *Hazel Davidson;* Advent Candle Lighters: *The Davidson Family;*

Scripture Reader: *Shelby Malengo*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Fellowship	3pm Cerebral Palsy 8pm AA Grateful	7am Men's Fellowship Group 10:30am Parkinsons potluck 6pm Session dinner & meeting	NO PYF 6:30pm Ministerios Llamada Final 8pm AA Success	1pm Parkinsons 3pm Finance Meeting 7pm Quilt Guild	6:30pm Ministerios Llamada Final	9am - 12pm Russian School 9:30am Tabitha Circle 1-3pm Watercolor class 6:30pm 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).

**ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIRE TODAY**, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30am. Contact is Don Vickers.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGAENT/CHOIR CONCERT TODAY during worship.**

**SHARE THE JOY** of Advent and Christmas by mailing a Christmas card to St. Andrew's members and friends under care at home or in health facilities. Pick up a list of names and addresses in the Narthex or call the church office.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS** are due today, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Fill out the purple order form and give the form to Ariel Bowers with your check or turn them into the office. Thank you.

**AXCESS BOOK OPPORTUNITY.** The Worship Team will be selling Axxess savings books today and next Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. A portion of the proceeds will benefit St. Andrew's.

**NO PYF THE REST OF DECEMBER.** PYF is on a break for the holidays...

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** will be received on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Support church workers and their families in need, and nurture future racial ethnic leaders.

**CHRISTMAS EVE** is on a Sunday this year. 9:30am Sunday Worship Service and 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

**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.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** are due by Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

**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)