



ORDER OF WORSHIP

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018



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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TOGETHER

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Dr. Christopher Davis, pianist

MUSIC TO ENGAGE

“Prelude to Bethlehem”

St. Andrew's Choir;

Evan Schindler, directing

Rev. Suzanne Malloy

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

* WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

OTHER: And also with you.

* WE CALL THE COMMUNITY TO WORSHIP

Sean Russo

ONE: A light shining in the darkness...

MANY: What could it be?

ONE: The sound of angels' wings...

MANY: What could it mean?

ONE: A baby born in a stable...

MANY: Who could it be?

ONE: Come to Bethlehem and see...

MANY: And worship Christ the newborn king.

WE LIGHT THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: “JOY”

Jackie Parker, Maggie & Robin Knauss

* WE SING TOGETHER

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Glory to God, #82

THE COMMUNITY CONFESSES TOGETHER

A CHRISTMAS CONFESSION *responsive* (from K.I. Morse “In Straw and Story”)

Susan Arnold

ONE: We were heavy with sorrow

MANY: But joy interrupted

ONE: We were deep in the night

MANY: But a star appeared

ONE: We were silent with sadness

MANY: But the heavens rang

ONE: And the splendor shone around them

MANY: When the time had fully come

ONE: We were hardened by conflict

MANY: But love intervened

ONE: We were frightened by shadows
MANY: But light took them away
ONE: We were haunted by fears,
MANY: But a child brought us hope
ONE: And she laid him in a manger
MANY: When the time had fully come
ONE: We were arrogant and angry
MANY: But his innocence disarmed us
ONE: We were cruel, crude and clumsy
MANY: But his grace made all things new
ONE: We were selfish, narrow, greedy
MANY: But his joy we had to share
ONE: And they offered him their treasured gifts
MANY: When the time had fully come
ONE: We were sheep who had lost their way
MANY: But the shepherd knew our names
ONE: We were strangers without a country
MANY: But our kingdom came to us
ONE: We were children far from home
MANY: But God sent his Son to guide
ONE: And the Word was flesh among us
MANY: When the time had fully come

TIME FOR SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S GRACE *responsive*

ONE: The ancient promises of God are fulfilled.
MANY: God does not forget us.
ONE: God’s mercy extends from generation to generation.
MANY: God’s love never fails! Hallelujah, Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE “A Nativity Prayer” on screens

THE COMMUNITY LISTENS AND DISCERNS TOGETHER

A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE Isaiah 11: 1–3a *Michelle Hertig*

ONE: Word of Wisdom, Word of Grace
MANY: Thanks be to God.

PRESENTATION OF THE NATIVITY

PROLOGUE		<i>Julie Sommers</i>
ANTHEM	”Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”	<i>St. Andrew’s Choir</i>
GOSPEL READING	Luke 1:26b–33 CEV	<i>James Padden–Rubin</i>
MESSAGE FROM MARY		<i>Shelby Malengo</i>
SOLO	”Mary Did You Know?”	<i>Evan Schindler</i>
GOSPEL READING	Luke 2:1, 3–7 CEV	<i>James Padden–Rubin</i>

MESSAGE FROM JOSEPH		<i>John Gonzalez</i>
ANTHEM	‘Still, Still, Still’	<i>St. Andrew’s Choir</i>
	(John Gonzalez, Emma Voigt and Lila Woodard on chimes)	
GOSPEL READING	Luke 2:8–14	<i>James Padden–Rubin</i>
MESSAGE FROM THE SHEPHERD		<i>Mary Padden–Rubin</i>
WE SING TOGETHER	“Angels We Have Heard On High”	Glory To God, #113
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 2:1–6 CEV	<i>James Padden–Rubin</i>
MESSAGE FROM THE MAGI		<i>Kirk Grier</i>
ANTHEM	“We Three Kings”	<i>St. Andrew’s Choir</i>

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS IN JOYFUL SERVICE

WHITE GIFTS & CAROLS

The congregation can come forward with their gifts to honor the Christ child
while singing familiar carols – words on screens*

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS and THE LORD’S PRAYER		<i>Rev. Suzanne Malloy</i>
WE PETITION IN SONG	“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” (vs 3 only)	Glory to God, #93
WE OFFER OUR MONETARY GIFTS		<i>Julie Sommers</i>
* OFFERING RESPONSE	“Doxology” (vs. 4 only)	Glory to God, #143
* WE ARE BLESSED		
* WE BLESS ONE ANOTHER	“God Be With You Til We Meet Again”	
* MUSIC TO INSPIRE		<i>Dr. Christopher Davis</i>

* *White Gifts* (non-perishable food to be donated to SB Food Bank, wrapped in white tissue paper) will be received this morning during the Community Response and Carols as is our St. Andrew’s tradition. You may wish to join the procession down the center aisle, present your gift and return to your seat down the side aisles.

SERVING THE CONGREGATION THIS MORNING:

Greeter: *Merlyn & Helen Cummings*

Advent Candle Lighters: *Maggie & Robin Knauss, Jackie Parker*

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30am Worship 11am Alternative Christmas Mart 2-4pm Llamada Final Rehearsal 4:30 - 7:30pm Russian School Christmas party MH	3pm Cerebral Palsy 8pm AA Grateful	7am Men's Fellowship 1pm Parkinsons 6pm Session	6:30pm Llamada Final 7:00pm Choir rehearsal 8pm AA Success	1pm Parkinsons 6:30pm Llamada Final	9am - 12pm Russian Language School 6:30pm 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.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MART TODAY after worship in Morgan Hall.

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.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING will be received TODAY. Support church workers and their families in need, and nurture future racial ethnic leaders.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Tuesday, December 18. Please submit any articles or photos to the office at office@standrewspcusa.org that you want included in the January/February Lighthouse Newsletter.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE on Monday, December 24, at 7:00pm. Join us!

MISSION CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN. Christians Relating to Muslims. Registration for the 2019 Santa Barbara Mission Conference is open. 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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