



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017



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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TOGETHER

MUSIC TO REFLECT ON

Dr. Christopher Davis

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

The Thompson/Gonzalez Family

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

Dr. Brett Becker, pastor

GREETING

PASTOR: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

PEOPLE: O Come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, to worship God!

THE COMMUNITY WORSHIPS GOD TOGETHER

WE CALL THE COMMUNITY TO WORSHIP

Carole Shapiro

* **WE SING TOGETHER** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hymnal, #9

* **WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

OTHER: And also with you.

WE PRAY TOGETHER

WE CONFESS TOGETHER *unison*

O God, in this season of the Prince of Peace, we confess that broken hopes still strew the highway to peace on earth. Yet you are a good shepherd. You say, "Come, all who are tired and thirsty; I will supply your need." *The good shepherd leads us to grassy meadows and restful waters.* "Come, all who are anxious and afraid." *The good shepherd protects us and leads us through dark valleys.* "Come, all who are empty and exhausted." *The good shepherd fills our lives with goodness and faithful love.* "Come to be refreshed, to rest, and to receive!" *The good shepherd has brought us here.* 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 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Hymnal, #8
Glory to God, #93

THE COMMUNITY LISTENS AND DISCERNs TOGETHER

A READING FROM THE PSALMS	Psalm 127: 1-2	
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN OF GOD		<i>Julie Sommers</i>
SPECIAL MUSIC	"O Holy Night"	<i>Evan Schindler, soloist</i>
THE GOSPEL READING	Luke 2: 41-52	
MESSAGE	"A Child's House"	<i>Dr. Brett Becker</i>

THE COMMUNITY GIVES TOGETHER

WE OFFER OUR VOICES	"I Cannot Tell"	on screens
WE PRESENT OUR MONETARY GIFTS		
WE PRAY TOGETHER		<i>Dr. Brett Becker</i>
* WE INVITE TO FELLOWSHIP		
* WE BLESS ONE ANOTHER	"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"	
* MUSIC TO INSPIRE		<i>Dr. Christopher Davis</i>

THE COMMUNITY GOES OUT AND SERVES

SERVING THE CONGREGATION THIS MORNING: Greeter: *Mona Wise*;

Worship Assistant: *Carole Shapiro*; Advent Candle Lighters: *The Thompson/Gonzalez Family*

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Fellowship	3pm Cerebral Palsy 8pm AA Grateful	7am Men's Fellowship Group 1pm Parkinson's	NO PYF 6:30pm Ministerios Llamada Final 8pm AA Success	1pm Parkinson's	6:30pm Ministerios Llamada Final	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.

DAVID BENSON, whose music the choir recently performed in worship, died on Wednesday night. David was 88. At his family's request, no memorial service will be performed. Thank you to all who loved and cared for David.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING will be received today, December 17th. Support church workers and their families in need, and nurture future racial ethnic leaders

CHRISTMAS EVE next Sunday. 9:30am Sunday Worship Service and 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

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 church office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays between 9am – 2pm.

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.

AXCESS BOOK OPPORTUNITY. The Worship Team will be selling Axxess savings books today, December 17th. A portion of the proceeds will benefit St. Andrew's.

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 2nd and all day Saturday, February 3rd, at First Presbyterian Church. Register by going online at 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