



## ORDER OF WORSHIP 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent December 23, 2018



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

### MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

*Dr. Christopher Davis, pianist*

### MUSIC OF ENGAGEMENT

“Mary, Did You Know?”

*Evan Schindler, soloist*

### WELCOME & NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

*Rev. Suzanne Malloy*

### \* WE EXCHANGE CHRIST’S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

OTHER: And also with you.

### \* SONG OF GATHERING

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GTG, #113

### WE LIGHT THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: “LOVE”

*The S.A.I.L. (Serving All in Love) Team*

### \* WE CALL THE COMMUNITY TO WORSHIP

*Freddie Villa*

LEADER: Prepare the Way of the Lord! Let us share the Good News of God’s love.

PEOPLE: We are the voice that cries out in the wilderness. We shall go forth to proclaim the love of God!

LEADER: Sing of God’s steadfast love forever. Tell the Good News to all generations.

ALL: We are here to live into the story of the Word becoming flesh. We are the living story of God’s glorious love.

### \* WE SING TOGETHER

“Love Has Come”

GTG, #110

### WE CONFESS TOGETHER *unison*

Living God, Love Incarnate, we confess that we are not perfect. We confess that we prepare for your coming in many superficial ways. We worry more about buying gifts than receiving your gift of sacrificial love. We exhaust ourselves with too much holiday activity, and take less time to examine our readiness to meet you. We overlook how this season can bring sorrow in the midst of joy. Teach us how to be attentive to all the gifts you bring into our world. Child of the manger, hear us now as we silently confess our flaws and our frailties...

*(a time for silent and personal confession)*

### SUNG PETITION

O holy child of Bethlehem descend to us we pray.

Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.

### WE PROCLAIM GOD’S GRACE *responsive*

*Freddie Villa*

LEADER: The good news of Advent is Christ’s love and forgiveness of sin. Thanks be to the Christ who sets us free to love and to serve.

PEOPLE: Rejoice! For in Christ we ARE forgiven!

### SUNG RESPONSE

“Gloria, in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo”

(Refrain only)

GTG, #113

**WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE OFFER OUR MONETARY GIFTS**

- \* **WE OFFER OUR PRAISE** "Doxology" *Glory to God, #606*
- A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE** Lamentations 3:22-24, 32b-33 *Freddie Villa*
- A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT** John 3:16-17 *Rev. Suzanne Malloy*
- CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT** "Waiting" *St. Andrew's Choir;*  
"Prelude to Bethlehem" *Evan Schindler, directing*  
"What Child is This?" (*congregation sings*)  
"O Come to Us, Emmanuel"  
"In the Bleak Midwinter"  
"The First Nowell" (*congregation sings*)  
"We Three Kings"  
"Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming"  
"Angels O'er the Field Were Singing"  
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (*congregation sings*)  
"All is Well"
- \* **WE RECEIVE AND AFFIRM OUR BLESSING** (*responsive*) *Rev. Suzanne Malloy*
- LEADER:** Depart in peace, and know that God is always coming into the world.
- PEOPLE:** **We will seek God, not in a long-ago stable or ancient manger, but in the people we meet and in the depths of our own hearts.**
- LEADER:** May the blessing of Christmas make you a blessing to others; may the peace of the season pervade all that you do.
- PEOPLE:** **We welcome the challenge of discipleship. We offer ourselves as God's ministers. We go forth in hope, peace, joy, and love.**
- \* **WE BLESS ONE ANOTHER** "God Be With You Til We Meet Again"
- \* **MUSIC TO INSPIRE** *Dr. Christopher Davis*

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION THIS MORNING:**

*Greeter: Michelle Hertig*

*Advent Candle Lighters: SAIL Team (Linda Sorensen, Diana Lee, Pam Polan)*

*Worship Assistant: Freddie Villa*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

<b>23</b> 9:30am Worship  2-4pm Llamada Final Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 3pm Cerebral Palsy  7pm Christmas Eve service	<b>25</b> <i>Christmas Day (office closed)</i>	<b>26</b> 6:30pm Llamada Final 7:00pm Choir rehearsal 8pm AA Success	<b>27</b> 1pm Parkinsons	<b>28</b> 6:30pm Llamada Final	<b>29</b> 9am - 12pm Russian Language School  6:30pm Llamada Final
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### 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).

**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 EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE is tomorrow**, Monday, December 24, at 7:00pm. Reception following hosted by the Deacons. Join us!

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** - 10:30am, Sunday, January 27

**MISSION CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN.** Surviving human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Jeff Shaffer of SB Act and Rita McGaw of Victim Witness Program will describe their collaborative approach to helping survivors of human trafficking, and they will offer ways you may become involved. Registration for the 2019 Santa Barbara Mission Conference is open. Register by going online at [www.sbmissionconference.org](http://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](mailto:semalloy@verizon.net) or 805-451-3372; Judith at [judithmullersb@gmail.com](mailto:judithmullersb@gmail.com) or 805-453-0703.

**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE** to the church office by Tuesday, January 8, 2019.