



**ORDER OF WORSHIP
CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2017
7:00pm**



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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TOGETHER

MUSIC TO REFLECT ON

MUSIC TO ENGAGE

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Dr. Christopher Davis

St. Andrew's Choir;

Evan Schindler, directing

The Hertig/Wise Family

Dr. Brett Becker, pastor

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

WELCOME

*** PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

OTHER: And also with you.

THE COMMUNITY WORSHIPS GOD TOGETHER

*** WE SING TOGETHER** “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (vss. 1,3,4)

Hymnal, #38

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN OF GOD

CAROL OF ADORATION “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Hymnal, #41

WE CONFESS TOGETHER *unison*

O God of Christmas, we confess your love on this holy night! You have revealed yourself to us and given us reason to rejoice. Yet we also admit our shortcomings during this season: frantic effort, over-indulgence in material things, and oftentimes shallow devotion. It is so easy for us to move from gladness to cynicism and to make caring for others a mere holiday act. We confess that we see attitudes that need to be changed. Help us, God of generosity, to do so. Enable us, by grace, to receive your good gifts and to give them away freely. Empower us to be humble in our service and overflowing with our gratitude. In the name of the child of Bethlehem we pray. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE

WE SING TOGETHER “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hymnal, #44

THE COMMUNITY LISTENS AND DISCERNS TOGETHER

THE FIRST NARRATION

Anita Becker

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2: 1-14

Karen Wooten

*** THE CAROL OF JOY** “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Hymnal, #23

THE SECOND NARRATION

Paul Zink, Jr.

THE VIEWING

Luke 2: 15-20

Carole Shapiro

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

24 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (reception following)	25 Merry Christmas!!	26 1pm Parkinson's	27 6:30pm Ministerios Llamada Final 8pm AA Success	28 1pm Parkinson's 7pm CBT Mtg	29 6:30pm Ministerios Llamada Final	30 1-3pm Watercolor class 6:30pm Ministerios Llamada Final
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING is still being received. Please use the envelope in the pews. Support church workers and their families in need, and nurture future racial ethnic leaders

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.

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.

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.

PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP RENEWAL RETREAT for ruling elders (even if not seated). Saturday, 1/20/18, 9:30am – 4:00pm at La Casa de Maria. Lunch included. Cost covered. Contact Sandy Thoits to sign up.

SANTA BARBARA MISSION CONFERENCE is in need of kitchen helpers. If anyone is willing to help, please contact Chuck Curtis at ccurtis@fpcsb.org

ANNUAL REPORTS are due by Tuesday, January 2, 2018. **Annual Meeting**, Sunday, January 28, at 10:30am.