



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2017



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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TOGETHER

MUSIC TO REFLECT ON

MUSIC TO ENGAGE

“The First Nowell“

Dr. Christopher Davis

St. Andrew's Choir;

Evan Schindler, directing

The Becker/Gillespie Family

Dr. Brett Becker, pastor

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

GREETING

PASTOR: Joy to the world!

PEOPLE: The Lord is come! Let earth receive her king!

THE COMMUNITY WORSHIPS GOD TOGETHER

WE CALL THE COMMUNITY TO WORSHIP

Chris Davis

* **WE SING TOGETHER**

“Joy to the World”

Hymnal, #40

* **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, how does it happen, in this poor old world, that you are so great, and yet so many fail to find you; that you call so persistently, and yet so many of us fail to listen to you; that you are so near, and yet so many think of you as far away; that you give yourself to everybody, and yet so few of us really know your name? Lord, we often hide from you, and say that we cannot find you; we stop up our ears, and say that we cannot hear you; we run away from you, and say that you are not near; we see your work in the world, and attribute it to other things. Forgive us, O God! This Christmas, help us to see, hear, feel, and experience you. Equip us to serve, to love, and to give. 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

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Hymnal, #48

THE COMMUNITY LISTENS AND DISCERNs TOGETHER

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| A READING FROM THE PROPHETS | Micah 5: 2-5a | <i>Leah Becker</i> |
| TIME WITH THE CHILDREN OF GOD | | <i>Julie Sommers</i> |
| ANTHEM | "Waiting for a King" | <i>St. Andrew's Choir;</i> <i>Evan Schindler, directing</i> |
| THE GOSPEL READING | Luke 2: 1-7 | |
| MESSAGE | "Joseph's and Mary's Holy Day" | <i>Dr. Brett Becker, pastor</i> |

THE COMMUNITY GIVES TOGETHER

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| WE OFFER OUR VOICES | "While We are Waiting, Come" | Glory to God, #92 |
| 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: *Michelle Hertig*;
Advent Candle Lighters: *Becker/Gillespie Family*

*If you ordered a Poinsettia, please take it home this morning
(or after this evening's service). Thank you!*

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE TONIGHT at 7:00pm. Reception following.

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 Sanctuary narthex on Sunday or 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.