



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Christmas

### December 31, 2017



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

#### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TOGETHER

MUSIC OF REFLECTION

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

MUSIC OF ENGAGEMENT

"Simple Gifts"

*Evan Schindler, soloist*

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

*Rev. Suzanne Malloy*

GREETING *(from Psalm 148)*

PASTOR: God has come among us! Let us rejoice!

PEOPLE: Let us all praise the name of the Lord, and worship the Prince of Peace.

#### THE COMMUNITY WORSHIPS GOD TOGETHER

WE CALL THE COMMUNITY TO WORSHIP

*Elder Dana Monk*

\* WE SING TOGETHER

"Love Has Come"

GTG, #110

\* 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 of goodness and light, illumine a path for us by which we may walk in faithfulness. Too often we have lost our way. Too often we have followed the way of pride and failed to turn to you in our times of need. You have given us all that we need to live sober lives in a right mind. Impel us to sin no more, and give us a more perfect knowledge of your divine ways in the world. Help us accept the forgiveness you offer. Grant us the opportunity to celebrate this coming year in faithfulness, taking joy in the gift of your Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, amen.

SUNG PETITION

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," v. 4

Hymnal, #44

GTG, #121

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE

ONE: Release the burdens of the past. Relinquish control from that which is only in God's hands. Allow the peace of God to dwell in you. You are forgiven! Accept the gift. Relax in the warmth of God's embrace.

ALL: Glory be to God.

### THE COMMUNITY LISTENS TOGETHER

<b>WE SING TOGETHER</b>	“Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet” (refrain only)	<b>GTG, #458</b>
<b>OLD TESTAMENT READING</b>	Isaiah 11: 1-3	
<b>TIME WITH THE CHILDREN</b>		<i>Julie Sommers</i>
<b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>	“O Holy Night”	<i>Evan Schindler, soloist</i>
<b>NEW TESTAMENT READING</b>	1 Corinthians 12: 1-11	
<b>MESSAGE</b>	“Seven Gifts for a New Year”	<i>Rev. Suzanne Malloy</i>

### THE COMMUNITY GIVES TOGETHER

<b>* WE OFFER OUR VOICES</b>	“As With Gladness Men of Old” (vv.1-3)	<b>Hymnal, #63</b> <b>GTG, #150</b>
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**WE OFFER OUR MONETARY GIFTS**

**WE PRAY TOGETHER**

**\* WE INVITE TO FELLOWSHIP**

**\* CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION**

**\* BENEDICTION** (*in unison*)

May the birth of Jesus be renewed in our lives.

May the Spirit of Jesus guide our words and thoughts.

May the life of Jesus inspire us to follow in the way of hope.

**\* WE BLESS ONE ANOTHER** "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

**\* MUSIC TO INSPIRE**

*Dr. Christopher Davis*

### THE COMMUNITY GOES OUT AND SERVES

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION THIS MORNING:**

Greeter: *Lydia Swanson*

Worship Assistant: *Dana Monk*

Children's Sermon: *Julie Sommers*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

<b>31</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Fellowship	<b>1</b> Happy New Year!!	<b>2</b> <i>Annual Reports due</i>  1pm Parkinson's	<b>3</b> NO PYF 6:30pm Ministerios Llamada Final 7pm Choir Rehearsal 8pm AA Success	<b>4</b>  1pm Parkinson's 2pm Parkinson's Speaker	<b>5</b>  6:30pm Ministerios Llamada Final	<b>6</b> 9am-12pm Russian School resumes  1-3pm Watercolor class  6:30pm Ministerios 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).

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

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY WORSHIP** next Sunday, January 7. Epiphany stars will be handed out.

**ADULT ED** resumes on January 7. We will begin the third and final section of the Series *Living the Questions 2.0* entitled **Call to Covenant**. The first lesson will be **A Kingdom Without Walls**, followed by **Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision**; then **Incarnation: Divinely Human**; **Prayer: Intimacy with God**; **Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry**; **Creative Transformation** and then ending with **Embracing Mystery**. The dates are January 7, 14, 21, February 4, 11, 18 and 25. *All classes are in the Window Room of Morgan Hall at 11:00 AM.*

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

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION.** January 28, 10:30am, following worship.

**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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and all day Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at First Presbyterian Church. Register by going online at [sbmissionconference.org](http://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](mailto:ccurtis@fpcsb.org)