



## ORDER OF WORSHIP 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent December 9, 2018



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

### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TOGETHER

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

*Dr. Christopher Davis, pianist*

MUSIC TO ENGAGE "What Child is This?"/"Good King Wenceslas"/"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Adriane Hill, flutist*

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.

WE LIGHT THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: "PEACE"

*CYMT "Family"*

### THE COMMUNITY CONFESSES TOGETHER

\* WE CALL THE COMMUNITY TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 148)*

*Billy Spencer, R.N.*

LEADER: We come to worship the God of forgiveness, who pardoned all our sins.

PEOPLE: We come to worship the God who sent a messenger saying, "Prepare the way for the Lord! Make it a straight path!"

LEADER: We will listen to what God has to say, with a voice that speaks of peace.

PEOPLE: God speaks of peace for the faithful: those whose hearts are turned towards God.

LEADER: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

PEOPLE: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

LEADER: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

PEOPLE: Righteousness will go before the Lamb and will make a path for His steps.

\* WE SING TOGETHER

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Glory to God, #106

WE CONFESS TOGETHER *unison*

O promised Christ: we are a world at war. Our peace depends upon your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends upon your coming. We are full of good intentions, but weak at keeping promises; we rely upon your coming to help us do your will. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Especially now, come, Lord Jesus. Come.

*(a time for silent confession)*

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE**     *responsive*

LEADER: This is the good news: know that you have been forgiven, and are given a new start for God works through you. Do not be afraid, but find peace in the God who comes.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God, who has forgiven us and provoked us to extend the peace of Christ to all in the world. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE     "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (*vs. 2 only*)     Glory to God, #93

**THE COMMUNITY LISTENS AND DISCERNS TOGETHER**

A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE	Isaiah 40: 1-5	<i>Billy Spencer</i>
A MESSAGE TO CHILDREN OF ALL AGES		<i>Rev. Malloy</i>
SPECIAL MUSIC	"O Come, O Come, Immanuel" / "Silent Night"	<i>Adriane Hill, flutist</i>
A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT	Luke 3:1-6	<i>Rev. Malloy</i>
MESSAGE	"Prepare Your Path Toward Peace"	
WE RESPOND IN SONG	"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"	Glory to God, #87

**THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS IN JOYFUL SERVICE**

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER		
WE PETITION IN SONG	"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (vs 3 only)	Glory to God, #93
MOMENT FOR MISSION	Christmas Joy Offering	<i>Elder Mona Wise</i>
WE OFFER OUR MONETARY GIFTS	"The Coventry Carol"	<i>Adriane Hill, flutist</i>
* WE OFFER OUR PRAISE	"Doxology"	Glory to God, #606
* WE ARE BLESSED		
* WE BLESS ONE ANOTHER	"God Be With You Til We Meet Again"	
* MUSIC TO INSPIRE		<i>Dr. Christopher Davis</i>

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION THIS MORNING:**

Greeter: *Martha Hitchens*

Worship Assistant: *Billy Spencer*

Musician: *Adriane Hill*

Advent Candle Lighters: *Susan Arnold, Michelle Hertig, Dayle Rinker, Nancy Russo*

Advent Candle Reading adapted from "The Season of Affirmation" by Howard Thurman

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:30am Worship 10:30am Deacons mtg in Lowery Room 11am CYMT Mtg Vos 11am Alternative Christmas Mart  2-4pm Llamada Final rehearsal	3pm Cerebral Palsy  8pm AA Grateful	7am Men's Fellowship 9:15am Naomi Circle  1pm Parkinsons 6:30pm Master Chorale 7pm Preschool Play in Sanctuary	6:30pm Llamada Final 7:00pm Choir rehearsal 8pm AA Success	10am Eve Circle  1pm Parkinsons 3pm Finance Mtg  7pm Quilt Guild	6:30pm Llamada Final	9am - 12pm Russian Language School  6:30pm 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](mailto:lydiaswanson@hotmail.com).

**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MART** today after worship *and next SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16* in Morgan Hall.

**NATIVITY SUNDAY** is next Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am. Bring your "white gifts" of canned food wrapped in white tissue for the Food Bank.

**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.

**FRATELLI MEN'S CHORUS HOLIDAY CONCERT** Monday, December 10, 7:30pm, at First United Methodist Church. St. Andrew's SAIL Team is sponsoring this event. Tickets online at [www.fratelliamenschorus.org](http://www.fratelliamenschorus.org) or at the door. \$20 general, \$12 student.

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** will be received on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Support church workers and their families in need, and nurture future racial ethnic leaders.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** is Tuesday, December 18. Please submit any articles or photos to the office at [office@standrewspcusa.org](mailto:office@standrewspcusa.org) that you want included in the January/February Lighthouse Newsletter.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** on Monday, December 24, at 7:00pm. Join us!

**MISSION CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN.** Registration for the 2019 Santa Barbara Mission Conference is now open (Oct. 21). 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.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN** - *update on back*

**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE** to the church office by Tuesday, January 5, 2019.