



ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 3, 2017

Labor Day Weekend



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

PRELUDE

Dr. Christopher Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brett Becker

GREETING

PASTOR: This is the day that the Lord has made!

PEOPLE: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

*** PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

OTHER: And also with you.

*** HYMN OF ADORATION** "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Hymnal, #309

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *responsive Psalm 27*

Rev. Judith Muller

ONE: The Lord is our light and our Salvation.

ALL: Whom shall we fear?

ONE: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

ALL: Of whom shall we be afraid?

ONE: Though we may at times feel alone and forsaken

ALL: Joy comes in the morning.

ONE: We will see the goodness of our God.

ALL: We will experience God's grace and peace.

ONE: Today in worship we will seek God's face.

ALL: We will behold the beauty of our Lord!

*** HYMN OF STRENGTH** "A Mighty Fortress is our God"

Hymnal, #259

(to the tune of #260)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

God of promise and hope, you call us to trust in your kingdom way, but often during the week we hesitate to follow you. We fail to move in new directions and make changes in our lives, even changes for the good. Our priorities and commitments continue to reflect the ways of this world rather than the new life given to us in Christ. We have embraced the status quo and have justified doing so by appealing to our weakness. Forgive us, O God! There is no excuse for not standing firm in your love and grace. There is no justification for not relentlessly pursuing justice! Help us to do so. Enable us to serve and help and forgive. Empower us to be representatives of your good news this day - in all that we say and do. Amen.

SILENT AND PERSONAL PRAYERS

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE *responsive* I John 1: 8-9

ONE: If we say we have no sin

ALL: **We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

ONE: If we confess our sins

ALL: **God is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

ONE: Friends, believe the good news!

ALL: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

ONE: Give thanks for the Lord is good.

ALL: **God's love is everlasting.**

SONG OF RESPONSE "Praise the Name of Jesus" (2x)

Sing the Faith, #2066

EPISTLE READING Phillipians 1: 3-6

ONE: The Word of the Lord!

MANY: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Carry the Light" (by Stan Pethel)

St. Andrew's Choir,
Evan Schindler, directing
Julie Sommers

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

GOSPEL READING Matthew 11: 28-30

ONE: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

MANY: **Listen to what the Spirit is saying to us.**

AN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD "Whose Work?"

Dr. Brett Becker

* **HYMN OF WITNESS** "Come, Labor On"

Hymnal, #415
Glory to God, #719

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

This is an intentional time of expressing our gratitude to God. Whether you have an offering this Sunday or not, take the plate, feel its touch in your hands, give thanks to God and bless all that is given this day.

* **DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal, #591

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE *responsive*

MINISTER: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

CONGREGATION: **People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.**

MINISTER: This is the Lord's Table.

CONGREGATION: **It is not the Presbyterian table.**

MINISTER: Neither is it the Lutheran table, the Baptist table, or the Methodist table.

CONGREGATION: **All are welcome here. Anyone who has been called by God is invited to come and put their trust in Christ.**

MINISTER: According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, just as we, ministering in his name, now give it to you. And when the disciples received it, their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus!

Lift up your hearts!

CONGREGATION: **We lift them to the Lord.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Fellowship	12:30pm Spirits Group meeting 3pm Cerebral Palsy 8pm AA Grateful	7am Men's Fellowship Group 1pm Parkinson's 6:30pm Master Chorale	 6:30pm Ministerios Llamada Final 7pm AA Success 7pm Choir rehearsal	 1pm Parkinson's	 6:30pm Ministerios Llamada Final	9am - 12pm Russian School 2pm Worship team clean Lowry room 1-3pm Watercolor class 6:30pm Ministerios 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.

MEET ELMARIE PARKER, St. Andrew's sponsored PC(USA) Mission Partner working in Iraq, Syria & Lebanon with her husband Scott. Elmarie will be preaching at First Presbyterian Santa Barbara **today** at the 9:00am (informal) and 10:30am (traditional) services. Reception following at 11:45am. All invited.

LUNCH WITH YOUR DEACON. Next Sunday, September 10th, 11:00am in Morgan Hall. Come and enjoy lunch with your Deacon and "flockmates". Suggested freewill offering, \$5.

PYF FALL KICK OFF. Sunday, September 10th, 5:00pm (note new start time). Potluck dinner. Bring your parents for games and fun!

ADULT ED BEGINS - "What Do the Arts Do in Christian Worship?" Sunday, September 17th, 11:00am in the Window Room. Part one of this program is entitled *The Church as Universal and Local*.

STORYTELLING UNDER THE PINES on the church lawn. Sunday, September 17th, 5:30pm BBQ dinner (\$5) and 6:30pm program. Storyteller Joseph Velasco. All ages. Bring lawn chair or blanket.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CAROLIN ALLBRIGHT. Saturday, September 23rd, 1:00pm at St. Andrew's.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BETTY JOHNSON. Sunday, September 24th, 2:00pm at St. Andrew's.

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL STARTS UP AGAIN on Saturday, September 9th, 9:00am to 12:00pm. Dates for Chaperones are now open. Please sign up after service or contact Linda Sorensen.

INVITATION: All are invited to join the Worship Team as they clean & organize the Lowry room on Saturday, September 9th, from 2:00 to 4:00pm. The Lowry room in the Sanctuary, serves a number of purposes: storage for the Worship, Communion preparation by the Deacons, and a room for families and others who want privacy to listen to the service. We are also interested in ideas for improving the space. **WARNING:** Old and worn items will be disposed of. If there are items you feel should be preserved, contact Diana Lee prior to September 9th.

NEW KEYS FOR MORGAN HALL. We will be changing the locks in Morgan Hall on *September 18th*. If you need your key replaced, please contact Nancy in the front office to arrange a date to pick up your new key.

TRANSITION HOUSE OPPORTUNITY. We need help for September and November. Experience the joy of serving dinner to grateful residents with St. Andrew's friends. Third Friday of every month at 6:00pm. Sign up today after worship.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE for the people of Houston affected by Hurricane Harvey. Financial support for relief efforts and PDA National Response Team can be designated to the PC(USA) online at DR000169-Harvey.