

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016



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Sunday, December 11, 2016

9:00A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE: Rejoice Believers/Come Now O Prince of Peace
HAF TRONES LAMPAFARDIG/OSOSO

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth.

**People: Sing to the Lord, bless God's name, proclaim God's salvation
from day to day.**

Pastor: Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works
Among all peoples.

**All: Honor and majesty are before the Lord, in whose sanctuary are
strength and beauty.** (from Psalm 96)

*HYMN 2 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Hymn to Joy

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAYER, AND THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**God of eternity, when the voice of the prophet was
silent, and the faith of Your people low, when darkness had obscured light, and
indifference displaced Your zeal, You saw the time was right and prepared to send
Your Son. Forgive us for our fear and our lack of faith, and set us free that we too
may be ready to welcome Him as our Savior and Lord. With gratitude and joy in
our hearts, we pray**

(*moment of silent reflection*)

Pastor: Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. **People: Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

CEREMONY OF LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES OF HOPE, PEACE AND JOY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 98

SPECIAL MUSIC: A Celtic Christmas Overture arr Larry Shackley

GOSPEL LESSON: St. John 15: 1-11

*HYMN 286 This is the Day (please sing twice) The Lord's Day

SERMON: "MUSIC TO CONQUER THE WORLD"

Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 167

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go Tell It

MISSION UPDATE; THE CHILDREN'S CHORUS OF MARYLAND, Andrea Burgoyne

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY:

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

arr Nancy Raabe

*THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Leader: Let us pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Chalice Hymnal 307

Malotte

*HYMN 143

Joy to the World

Antioch

BENEDICTION (in unison)

**Lord God, bless to us this day of joy. Open to us heaven's gates.
Strengthen our hope. Let peace live in our hearts. Revive our tired souls
'til we sing the joys of Your glory with all the angels of heaven, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: On This Day Earth Shall Sing, PERSONENT HODIE arr: Larry Sha

WELCOME NOTES
MAY THIS SEASON OF ADVENT BE FOR YOU GRAND AND GLORIOUS

MAY ALL THE JOYS AND BLESSINGS of the Advent Season be yours today and every day. To be a child of God is surely the greatest privilege granted to any human being. We are all children of God. Thank you for sharing time and worship with us.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A DELIGHTFUL RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP. Many thanks to the wonderful team for producing “goodies” every week.

WE EXTEND A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME this morning to Andrea Burgoyne who will give us an update on the wonderful Children’s Chorus of Maryland, one of our Mission recipients. Patti Amato is the accompanist for the Chorus.

COME, ENJOY OUR CHRISTMAS CHOIR for the Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m. Patti Amato is inviting all spirited singers to join a special rehearsal today and next Sunday after worship at 10:20 a.m.

CHRISTMAS 2016 POINSETTIAS. We are invited to join First Christian Church in purchasing poinsettias for the sanctuary during Christmas. Simply complete one of the forms on the lounge piano, making the check out to First Christians Church. Thank you in advance.

POT LUCK DINNER ON Tuesday, December 13, 2016 from 6-9:00 p.m. We hope to see everyone for this joyful occasion in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up sheet is also on the lounge piano. Any questions? Please call Linda Schneidereith at 410-828-8986. The mission recipient this year will be The Women’s Housing Coalition.

OUR SAINT ANDREW’S BOOK CLUB will meet on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 for Wassail Night at 7:00 p.m. Let Barbara Pour know if you will be bringing cookies. (410-377-4046)

NEXT SUNDAY, December 18, 2016, at our Morning Worship at 9 a.m. our Special Music will be led by the Borowsky Trio. Emmanuel, Elizabeth and Frances. This is a most welcome return. How greatly they will add to the spirit of the season.

PLEASE MARK CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE IN YOUR CALENDAR. Saturday, December 24, 2016, at **FIVE P.M.** Spread the word.

BALTIMORE’S MUSICALE will present a wonderful Christmas concert here in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 18, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. Admission is free, but a donation of \$10 is invited.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD
Appreciate the gift of joy Read John 15:11