

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016



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Sunday, February 21, 2016

9:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE: Shepherd Me O God arr. Jeffrey Honore

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: I will always praise the Lord.

People: With all my heart I will praise the Lord.

Pastor: Let all who are helpless listen and be glad.

All: Honor the Lord with me! Celebrate his great name.

(Psalm 34)

*HYMN 22 All Creatures of Our God and King Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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

O God, most high and holy, we acknowledge that in ancient times You gave Your commandments to all Your children. We have tried to keep them, but have failed so often. We have heard Your voice, but have paid little attention. We have seen the path of duty but have not followed it. We have taken short cuts in time and service and hoped You would not notice.

For all the ways we have fallen short of Your hopes and expectations of us, we ask for Your forgiveness and pray that the days and weeks ahead through this season of Lent will be more pleasing and acceptable to You.... (moment of silent reflection).

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 7:1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC: Prospect arr. Nancy Raabe

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 5: 1-11

*HYMN 543 Blessed Assurance Assurance

SERMON: VISION TIMES TWO Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 595

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY Day is Done Ar Hdy Y Hos

arr. Barry L. Bobb

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.**

CALL TO PRAYER AND THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using trespasses)

Our Father 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 715

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket

THE BENEDICTION (unison)

Let us live in union with Christ Jesus as Lord, be rooted in Him, be built in Him, grow strong in the faith: let our hearts overflow with thankfulness. Amen.

POSTLUDE:

Here I Am Lord

Dan Schutte, setting Janet Linker

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

WHERE ARE YOU IN YOUR PILGRIMAGE THROUGH LENT? Be assured of God's love, God's guidance, God's grace to meet all the challenges ahead. Jesus is with us every step of the way.

PLEASE JOIN US for a light reception in the church lounge after worship. Guests and visitors are also invited to sign our guest book located at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

OUR NEXT P&R (PLANNING AND REVIEW) BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The January meeting had to be cancelled at the request of "Mother Nature"!

OUR MISSION AND DREAM TEAM is planning a fascinating visit to a few of Baltimore's historic and beautiful churches. A sign up sheet will be found on the lounge piano. Date is Tuesday, March 15. The bus will leave our church at 9:30 a.m. Friends are also invited.

EXCELLENT AND RESPONSIBLE CHILD CARE is available every Sunday morning from 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Spread the word!

ORDERS FOR EASTER LILIES AND FLOWERS. Everyone is invited to participate and contribute to our 2016 Easter celebration. Forms are on the lounge piano. Please make checks out to First Christian Church.

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are shared at this time with the family and friends of Marjorie McDonald who died very suddenly on February 13, 2016. Both Marjorie and her husband, Henry, have been faithful and loyal members of our St. Andrew's family. Both were in church with us on Sunday, February 7. Funeral arrangements are still being finalized.

PASTORAL CARE is high on our list of priorities. So please do not hesitate to contact our pastor, Ernest Smart, at any time, either for yourself or someone you know. Best contact number is 410-893-9470.

Thought for the Week Ahead:

**Where there is no vision, the people perish but he that keepeth the law,
happy is he.**

Proverbs 29:18 (King James Version)