

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

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Sunday, January 10, 2016

9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

PRELUDE: God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
Woodwind Quintet

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Scripture reminds us, "Honor the wonderful name of the Lord and worship the Lord most holy and glorious."

People: Like the Psalmist we say, "Pray that our Lord will make us strong and give us peace."

Pastor: We bring our hearts, minds, and devotion so that this service will Honor God and inspire us as Jesus' disciples.

All: Therefore, let us worship God. Amen.

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

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

The swirl of activity has lessened, O God, and now we settle into more normal patterns. Coming to worship is one of the pieces of our pattern. We come to be inspired, to grow, to enjoy one another as sisters and brothers in Christ. But we also come to be totally honest with You in our confession. We confess that our minds sometimes get clouded by our frustration and we let our Christian guard down. It is then that we turn inward rather than Godward, forgetting to be who You mean us to be. Forgive, we pray, our sins, for they are many. Grant Your pardon and grant us the peace it bestows. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

Pastor: We continue to be amazed by the power of words so simple.

People: "Your sins are forgiven." Jesus said.

Pastor: They have become words we have learned to trust.

People: And by them we are restored. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43: 1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Joy to the World
Woodwind Quintet

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 8: 14-17

*HYMN 452

Here I Am, Lord

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SERMON:

“NOT FOR SALE”

Dr. George Toole

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 477

Pass It On

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THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Woodwind Quintet

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

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 713

God of Our Life

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THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

Sleigh Ride Leroy Anderson arr. Lin
Woodwind Quintet

WELCOME NOTES

ON THIS SECOND SUNDAY OF 2016, MAY YOU HAVE A HEART THAT IS FULL OF HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE. Such are the blessings God wants to pour out upon each of us.

THE REV. DR. GEORGE GRAY TOOLE is once again our welcome guest preacher this morning. Let us give him our customary enthusiastic welcome.

WE EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME to Mary Poling who will be our musical leader today. She is joined by her daughter's woodwind quintet including Keegan McCardell, Jiwoo Moon, Kara Poling, Laressa Winters, and Helen Yang.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO STAY A WEE WHILE FOR THE LIGHT RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP. We continue to thank those who have prepared it.

MISSION COMMITTEE. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 3:00 P.M. here at church. This meeting is open to everyone, especially if there are new ideas and suggestions to be shared.

OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE P&R (PLANNING AND REVIEW) will be held on Monday, January 25, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. here at church. Let everyone feel invited to come along to hear news and reports of the various activities of St. Andrew's.

THE THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE;

"The History and the Mystery of Time" with our pastor, Ernest Smart, preaching.

Thought for the Week Ahead

"How essential it is to be able to live inside a mind with attractive and interesting pictures on the walls."

- William Lyon Phelps-