

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016



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Sunday, January 24, 2016

9:00 a.m.

WE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP----THE GREATEST HOUR

PRELUDE: Arabasque No. 1 Claude Debussy

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We are called into this place of worship,

People: a place to gather in community and love.

Pastor: We are called into this body,

People: a body that is Christ's presence on earth.

Pastor: We are called into the Kingdom of God,

People: a Kingdom that is here and now.

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

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

God of loving welcome, we admit that we are not always as kind and accepting as Christ calls us to be. We yearn to extend the hand of friendship but sometimes shy away. We cry for peace on earth but sometimes wage war in our own cruel ways. We seek community and love, but then only parts of ourselves.

Where we are afraid, strengthen us to reach out to others. Where we are angry, love us that we may be kind and accepting. Where we are sad, comfort us that we may seek new joy. Where we are in doubt, encourage us with steadfast faithfulness. Forgive us when we are not the welcoming disciples You yearn for here on earth. Guide us to walk in Your ways that we may come to partner our lives with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31

SPECIAL MUSIC: Clair de Lune Claude Debussy

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 10: 1-16

*HYMN 594 Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind (verses 1, 2, and 5) Rest

SERMON: "TO SEE OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 688 When, in Awe of God's Creation Hyfrydol

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin Claude Debussy

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 Chalice Hymnal 307 Malotte

* HYMN 699 Rejoice, the Lord is King! Darwell's 148th

THE BENEDICTION (unison)

**The guarding of the God of life be upon us.
The guarding of the loving Christ be upon us.
The guarding of the Holy Spirit be upon us,
Each step of the way, to aid us and enfold each of us,
Each day and night of our lives. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Golliwog's Cakewalk Claude Debussy

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS SPECIAL AND HOLY DAY

OUR MISSION AT ST. ANDREW'S IS TO BE FAITHFUL, WISE AND STRONG, AND TO MAKE GOD HAPPY. We are happy that you are part of this living Christian community by coming into His presence for worship. This week let us share such blessings with others.

DO PLEASE JOIN US for a light reception after worship, prepared by some wonderful, generous, joyful personalities.

ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS ARE INVITED to sign the guest book located at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

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. This is an open and welcoming meeting to hear programs and plans, past, present and future.

EXCELLENT CHILD CARE is available every Sunday during our worship hours.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

- 1) Easter comes early this year Our Ash Wednesday service will be held on February 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. More details later.
- 2) The next delightful Baltimore Musicale program will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2016 here in the Sanctuary.

PASTORAL NEEDS? Please do not hesitate to contact our pastor, Ernest Smart, either for yourself or someone you know. Best contact number is 410-893-9470.

DO NOT FORGET OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS. Contributions of old pillow cases, sheets, blankets, towels as well as plastic grocery bags are welcome. Please place the items in the basket located just inside the front door. Many thanks from BARCS (The Baltimore Animal Care and Rescue Shelter).

Thought for the Week Ahead:

*So live that you won't be ashamed to sell
the family parrot to the town gossip.*

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