

**St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2016**



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**THE REV. ERNEST R. D. SMART, *Pastor***

**Patricia McKewen Amato, *Music Director***

**Sunday, January 8, 2017**

**9:00A.M.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: 'The Master Came to Bring Good News' --- setting by Jeffrey Bersch

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us worship God, the source of love and life.

**People: Let us worship Jesus the Messiah, the risen one,  
who lives among us.**

Pastor: Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

**People: Let us praise God, here and in all times and places.**

**Unison: Let us worship God. Amen**

\*HYMN 67 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

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

**O God, as the old year recently came to an end and we scanned  
our lives, our sins were very apparent. That prompts us to resolve to claim the  
New Year as an opportunity for correction and improvement. By Your Holy Spirit  
grant us peace instead of strife, harmony instead of division, graciousness instead  
of callousness, and love instead of  
hatred. Forgive our sin and transform us by the power of Your pardon and lead us  
to follow the example of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Leviticus 19: 9-18

SPECIAL MUSIC: 'Divinum Mysterium' --- setting by Wilbur Held

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Matthew 19: 16-22

\*HYMN 64 We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

Ellacombe

SERMON: "THE STEWARDSHIP OF SELF"

Dr. Toole

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN 482

O Christians, Haste

Tidings

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past' --- setting by Paul Manz

\*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 (*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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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on 'Ellacombe' --- setting by Jason Payne

**A GRAND AND GLORIOUS HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE TODAY**

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU THROUGHOUT 2017 WITH HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE,  
PLUS GOOD HEALTH AND WISDOM**

**WE ARE ESPECIALLY PLEASED ONCE AGAIN** to welcome to our pulpit our good friend, Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole. George and his wife, Donna, have been enthusiastic supporters since we came into being in November, 2003.

**WE WELCOME BACK** Ellen Adajian as our musical director today.

**LOOKING BACK TO OUR CHRISTMAS SEASON AND SERVICES**, we are especially grateful to all those who contributed to the spirit of Christmas worship, the gifts of music under Patti Amato's magnificent leadership, the gifts of time and talents, and not least, the generous financial encouragement. All this enabled us to support our many mission projects.

**OUR WINTER VISIONARIES.** There are spare copies on the lounge piano. If your copy is already stamped, just send it to a good friend near or far.

**CULTURAL OPPORTUNITY.** This afternoon Barbara Pour will lead a tour at the Walters at 1:00 p.m. The theme is "Sense and Sensibility." Everyone is welcome.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR MISSION AND DREAM TEAM** will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. here at church. All are welcome, especially those with new ideas.

**OUR ST. ANDREW'S BOOK CLUB** will meet again on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Barbara Pour.

**OUR NEXT P&R (PLANNING AND REVIEW) BOARD** will be held on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Open meeting. Everyone invited.

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

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**

"Do good and disappear."

-Genevieve de Goutel-