

**St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017**



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

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

Sunday, March 19, 2017

9:00A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE: HIGHLAND CATHEDRAL  
Francis Wallace, Bagpiper and Patti Amato, Organ

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Lord is near

**People: His Spirit is with us.**

Pastor: We need not fear

**People: His Spirit is with us.**

Pastor: We abide in peace.

**People: His Spirit is with us.**

Pastor: We continue in hope

**People: His Spirit is with us.**

Pastor: We rejoice in faith

**People: His Spirit is with us.**

\*HYMN 53 Morning Has Broken Bunessan

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAYER, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of mercy and God of grace, You know the secrets of our hearts: how blind we are to our own faults, yet harsh in treating others: how swift we are to taking gain, yet slow to give to others. How proud we are of our success, yet sometimes grudging in our praise of others.**

**Remember, Lord, Your tender care and love unfailing. Do not remember our sins and offences, but remember us in Your goodness, in accordance with Your endless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 3: 4-14

SPECIAL MUSIC: a 'surprise' requested by Ernest. Piano

GOSPEL LESSON: St. John 12: 1-8

\*HYMN 277 Christians, We Have Met to Worship Holy Manna

SERMON: "SUCH EXTRAGANCE"

Dr. Easter Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

\*HYMN 526

The Gift of Love

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THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown, Candle arr Larry Shackley

\*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 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 632

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lancashire

BENEDICTION (unison)

**Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing; guide us by Your grace; keep us safe in Your love, in the name of Jesus Christ, whom we serve. Amen.**

POSTLUDE:

Ode to Joy

Francis Wallace, Bagpiper and Patti Amato, Piano

## **WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MAY EVERYONE GATHERED HERE FOR WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD, FEEL WELCOME AND AT HOME.** We are all children of God, open to receive God's abundant blessings.

**THIS MORNING OUR PREACHER WILL BE THE REV. DR. EASTER SMART RAPHAEL**, daughter of Ernest and Rosemary Smart. Easter is currently the minister of Currie Kirk in Edinburgh, Scotland. Reason for her visit? To participate in the birthday celebrations for her father!

**ADDING TO THE MUSIC OF THE DAY** will be one of Baltimore's finest bag-pipers, Francis Wallace. To Francis and to everyone we extend a grand and glorious welcome.

**EVERYONE HERE TODAY IS ALSO INVITED TO COME TO ERNEST SMART'S BIRTHDAY PARTY** in the Fellowship Hall, immediately after worship. Come and celebrate with soft drinks, cakes and cookies and each other.

**TAIZE ON TUESDAYS.** On each of the Tuesdays in Lent there will be an opportunity to gather to spend time in prayer and meditation in the sanctuary. Time: noon to one.

**OUR ST. ANDREW'S BOOK CLUB** will be holding its Lenten Meeting at the Hopkins Club on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Please contact Barbara Pour with any questions. (410-377-4046)

**THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR BOARD (Planning and Review)** will be held after worship on Sunday, March 26, 2017. EVERYONE is welcome.

**EASTER DAY FLOWERS.** Order forms for Easter flowers and lilies are to be found on the lounge piano. Please make checks out to First Christian Church, and place in the basket alongside. Thank you in advance.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**

“A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity;  
an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”

- Winston Churchill-