

**St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017**



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

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**Sunday, March 26, 2017**

**9:00A.M.**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE: Meditation on Brother James' Air Harold Dark

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Praise God! Praise God in the sanctuary;

**People: Praise God in the mighty firmament!**

Pastor: Praise God for mighty deeds;

**People: Praise God for exceeding Greatness!**

Pastor: Praise God with trumpet sound!

**All: Let everything that breathes praise God! Praise God!**

(From Psalm 150)

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

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

**Lord God, we come to You in prayer and seek the still waters. Restore our souls. We have known Your guidance in paths of righteousness, and we have felt Your presence in the valley of the shadow. For the ways You have overflowed our lives with goodness and mercy, we are forever thankful.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we take for granted Your grace, and help us to be good stewards. We pray for those bruised in spirit, victims of someone else's inconsideration, betrayed or exploited; for those who look fine on the outside but who hurt and cry inside. Help us to do what we can to help those who stagger under burdens too heavy to carry alone. Bless our leaders with strength to know and do what is right. May Your voice be heard on high. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 4: 1-9

SPECIAL MUSIC: You Who Dwell in The Shelter of the Lord, ON EAGLES WINGS  
arr Nancy Raabe

GOSPEL LESSON: St. John 14:25-31

\*HYMN 265 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart Morecambe

SERMON: "FINDING PEACE IN A TROUBLED WORLD" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

\*HYMN 711 O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines Candler

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: The Priceless Grace Nancy Raabe

\*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 Chalice Hymnal 307 Malotte

\*HYMN 272 The Church's One Foundation (verses 1,2, and 5) Aurelia

BENEDICTION (unison)

**Let us give God thanks for a new week. Let us relish the opportunities to share God's love. Let us stay close to the word and be devout in prayer. And the eternal love of God will keep us till we meet again. In Jesus Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: March in D J.S. Bach

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

**LET EVERYONE HERE THIS MORNING FEEL AT HOME AND ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT OUR WORSHIP AS PART OF GOD'S FAMILY.** Enthusiasm means to be filled with the spirit of our loving God. We are all children of God, open to receive God's abundant blessings.

**LET EVERYONE ALSO JOIN US FOR A LIGHT RECEPTION** in the lunge after worship, with ongoing thanks to those who prepared it.

**LAST SUNDAY, MARCH 19, WAS A TRULY GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY FOR ALL OF US, NOT LEAST SINCE IT WAS ERNEST SMART'S BIRTHDAY.** Rev. Dr. Easter Smart was also preaching. Piper Francis Wallace and Patti Amato added so much to the happy spirit of the day. The party after worship was also a wonderful and happy experience. Ernest wishes to thank EVERYONE for their kindness and birthday wishes.

**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.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR BOARD (Planning and Review)** will be held after worship TODAY in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend to hear reports of the finances and mission of St. Andrew's.

**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.

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

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

“Religion is the basis of civil society, and the source of all good and comfort.”  
-Edmund Burke-