

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016



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Sunday, November 13, 2016

9:00A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

I Sing the Mighty Power of God, ELLACOMBE
arr. Larry Schackle

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The hearts of Your people rejoice, O God.

People: You have given us blessings beyond the numbering of them.

Pastor: Little wonder Your people come to worship and praise You.

People: By the Holy Spirit's presence among us, let us sing, pray, receive Your word, and be sent forth in Your strength with peace.

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

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

We acknowledge, Lord God, our share in the world's short-comings and its tensions. We are wayward creatures who do not care and love as You would have us do. We know our lives have been distorted by self-centeredness and by our confused priorities. Loving God, grant us Your forgiveness and Your healing. May we experience a true spirit of reconciliation so that our energies may be more truly harnessed to Your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 24:1-7, 14, 15

SPECIAL MUSIC:

For the Beauty of the earth, DIX

arr. Larry Shackley

GOSPEL LESSON:

St. John 15: 12-17

*HYMN 288

O God of Vision (verses 1, 2 and 5)

Lobe Den Herren

SERMON:

“COMPETITIVE VISIONS”

Rev. Ernest Smart

SENSE THE JOY AND PRIVILEGE IN GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO WORSHIP TODAY. You are part of our St. Andrew's Christian Community; may you be blessed by experiencing God's love, God's peace, God's grace and God's hope for us all. This is a unique hour and a unique opportunity. We invite all friends and visitors to sign the guest book at the entrance of the sanctuary, and to join us in the Fellowship Hall afterwards.

HAPPY THIRTEENTH BIRTHDAY ST. ANDREW'S. How blessed we have been and are as a church family. So much has been accomplished. EVERYONE is invited to come to the Fellowship Hall for a wee party celebration.

THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING of the St. Andrew's Christian Community will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear and review all matters pertaining to the life of St. Andrew's, past, present and future. This is an open, informative and welcoming occasion. Please come.

THE CRAFT FAIR HELD ON SATURDAY, November 5 was a truly grand and glorious and successful experience. So many worked so hard to make the occasion so special, under the leadership of "Captain" Claire Blair. A thousand thanks are due to all the contributors and the vendors.

A COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held here at Church on Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. All local congregations will be involved for this important occasion. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD.

OUR ST. ANDREW'S BOOK CLUB will be meeting again on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Barbara Pour. Everyone is welcome. Please call her with any questions or if you need directions. (410-377 -4046)

LOOKING AHEAD. Please note Tuesday, December 13 in your diaries. We will be hosting another happy Pot Luck Dinner in our Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. The special mission project this year will be The Women's Housing Coalition. More details later.

PASTORAL NOTE: The Memorial Service for Phyllis Karrer will be held here at Church on Friday, December 2, 2016, at 12 noon. All friends as well as family are welcome.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Give me five minutes with a person's checkbook,
and I will tell you where their heart is.

- Billy Graham-