

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016



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Sunday, November 20, 2016

9:00A.M.

SUNDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING

PRELUDE Walzer Kammermusik fur funt Blaser Hindemith Kleine

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever. Let Israel say,

People: “God’s steadfast love endures forever.”

Pastor: This is the Lord’s doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*HYMN 718 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come St. George’s Windsor

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

Almighty God, we who are Your unruly and disobedient

servants, confess our many faults and humbly seek Your forgiveness. We have turned a deaf ear to Your commandments. We have the reproof of the prophets. We have ignored the advice of the apostles. And, although long acquainted with the teaching of Christ, we still do not practice it as we ought to do. Father, we have sinned in Your sight, and condemn ourselves for our weak will, our slumbering conscience and our stupid confidence in our own virtue.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 55: 6-13

SPECIAL MUSIC: Cortege La Cheminee Du Roi Rene Darius Milhaud

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28

*HYMN 61 All Things Bright and Beautiful Royal Oak

SERMON: ”SEE-SAW SENTIMENTS” Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 717

Let All things Now Living

Ash Grove

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY:

Trois Pieces Breves

Adante

Jacques Ibert

* 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 720

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Materna

BENEDICTION (in unison)

May the love of the Father enfold us, the wisdom of the Son enlighten us, the fire of the Spirit inflame us; and may the blessing of God rest upon us and abide with us, now and forevermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE:

Morning Serenade

Aubade

Darius Milhaud

LET US BE THANKFUL FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY

EVERYONE TODAY IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AT WORSHIP. May we all worship Almighty God with heart, and soul and mind and strength, and be thankful for all God's blessings.

DO PLEASE JOIN US for a delightful reception after worship. Many thanks again to those who prepared it.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to our Guest Artists: Woodwind Quintet: Jiwoo Moon, flute; Kara Poling, oboe; Sean Webster, clarinet; Laressa Winters, bassoon; Keegan McCardell, French Horn.

OUR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING was held on Sunday, November 13 after worship. Many, many thanks to all who attended and continue to support St. Andrew's and to all who added to the spirit of our 13th birthday party. The cupcakes were a special treat.

OUR COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE will be held here in our sanctuary **THIS EVENING** at 7:00 P.M. All members of our area congregations are invited and encouraged to attend. Those interested in joining a combined choir are asked to come at 6:30 p.m.

LET'S KEEP Tuesday, December 13, 2016 free for our Pot Luck Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our mission recipient this year will be The Women's Housing Coalition. More details later.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, IS ADVENT SUNDAY. We are invited to help decorate for Christmas on Saturday, November 26 from 2-5 p.m. Help is urgently needed. There is a sign up sheet on the lounge piano.

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

Everybody prays whether he thinks of it as praying or not.

-Frederick Buechner-