

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

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PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 606

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Nettleton

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Bring Peace to Earth Again, PACE MIO DIO
arr. Nancy Raba

*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 129

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

Truro

BENEDICTION (in unison)

May God strengthen us to the end, drawing close to us through the gift of Christ in our hearts. May this Advent Season be rich in our awareness of God's great love for us. May we live lives faithful to our Messiah, Redeemer, Savior and Friend, the Babe of Bethlehem. Amen.

POSTLUDE:

O Come Emmanuel, NATIVITY SUITE

Wilbur Held

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS SEASON OF ADVENT

WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO WORSHIP on this first Sunday in the season of Advent. We will give God thanks for the essential gifts of hope, peace, joy and love, as we anticipate the birth of Jesus Christ. There are blessings to be received and blessings to be shared.

EVERYONE IS ALSO INVITED to remain after worship to enjoy a light reception and good company. Guests are invited to “sign in” in our guest book at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

MANY AND SPECIAL THANKS are due to First Christian Church and volunteers who helped to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season.

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.

HAD A HAPPY THANKSGIVING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS? Gratitude to God should be uppermost in our hearts and minds throughout the year. Read St. Paul’s First letter to the Thessalonians, chapter 5, verses 16-18.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated next Sunday, December 4, 2016 at our 9:00 a.m. worship service.

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

“The ultimate form of hope is prayer.”

– Reinhold Niebuhr-