

**St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2015**



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**Sunday, February 1, 2015**

**9:00 a.m.**

**THIS DAY IS GOD'S GIFT TO EACH AND ALL OF US**

PRELUDE: Suite No. 4 in E-Flat Major, Prelude J.S. Bach  
Frances Borowsky, cello

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God calls us to rejoice in this special day that He has made for rest and gladness.

**People: Let our hearts be open to God's love, our minds to God's truth, and our wills to God's service.**

**All: Let us worship Almighty God together.**

\*HYMN 72 To God Be the Glory To God Be the Glory

CALL TO PRAYER AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O God of all truth and love, we acknowledge before You our deep need for a rebirth of Christ's spirit in the world in the suspicions which divide humanity; in the timidity which holds back good causes; in the indifference which allow evil to go unchecked.**

**O God, forgive us and enable us to hear again Christ's gracious invitation: "Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy-laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart, and you shall find rest for you souls."...**

(moment of silent reflection)

Pastor: Through Christ our Lord, we pray.

**People: Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 67

SPECIAL MUSIC: Sonata in A Major for Cello and Piano 1. Allegro,  
Ludwig van Beethoven -  
Frances Borowsky, cello Elizabeth Borowsky, piano

GOSPEL LESSON St. Matthew 15: 21-28

\*HYMN 480 I Love to Tell the Story Hankey

SERMON: DOES IT PAY TO BE PUSHY? Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY Suite No. 4 in E Flat Major, sarabande J.S. Bach  
Frances Borowsky

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

\* COMMUNION HYMN 385 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare O Waly Waly

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION  
(All are welcome at Christ's holy table)

COMMUNION MUSIC: Concerto in E minor III Adagio, Edward Elgar

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.

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 715 Now Thank We All Our God Nun Danket

THE BENEDICTION (Unison)

**Let us go in peace. May God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit  
bless, preserve and keep us, this day and forever. Amen.**

POSTLUDE Sonata in A Major for Cello and Piano II Scherzo Beethoven

## **LET US GIVE THANKS FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY**

**OUR MISSION AT ST. ANDREW'S** is to be faithful, strong and wise, and to make God happy. We are all happy to welcome everyone to worship on this first Sunday in February. Let this experience be your guiding light for the days of this week and beyond.

**THIS MORNING EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ACCEPT CHRIST'S GIFT OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT.** The idea behind the word "sacrament" is that it is a life-changing experience, because of the difference that Christ can make in our lives. Miracles still happen.

**DO PLEASE JOIN US** for a light reception in the lounge after worship prepared by some wonderful and joyful personalities. Our pastor, Ernest, is available at this time for questions.

**A SPECIAL WELCOME BACK** to Frances Borowsky, our talented young cellist just returned from studying abroad. Also, a warm welcome to her sister Elizabeth playing piano.

**MISSION NEWS:** At our recent Trustees meeting, the following gifts were approved for the month of January:

Hopewell Cancer Research \$2000

CASA (court appointed special advocates for children) (both city and county) \$500 each

**THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR MISSION AND DREAM TEAM** will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. here at church. All are welcome to come along with fresh ideas of projects for this new year of 2015.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITY:** Please sign us for "Stamp the Pig" project which will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 15 after worship. Details are to be found on the lounge piano, with questions to Barbara Pour.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR P&R (Planning and Review) BOARD** will be held on Monday, February 16, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. This is an open meeting to which everyone is invited to hear reports on finances, programs and projects. Help us to plan an exciting future.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO ASH WEDNESDAY.** Please note February 18 in your diaries. Along with the other Christian congregations who share this worship space, we will join for an Ash Wednesday gathering and simple meal of soup and bread at 6 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall, to be followed by a worship service

**SNOW AND BAD WEATHER POLICY** Generally we never cancel worship services unless we are faced with Sunday morning blizzard conditions. However, we ask members and friends to exercise a great deal of wisdom and caution.

### **Thought for the Week Ahead:**

**"Every kindness done to others in our daily walk, every attempt to make others happy, every prejudice overcome, is a step nearer to the life of Christ."**

**-Arthur P. Stanley-**