

**St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015**



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**THE REV. ERNEST R. D. SMART, *Pastor*  
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**Sunday, February 8, 2015**

**9:00 a.m.**

**THIS DAY IS GOD'S GIFT. LET US ENJOY IT.**

PRELUDE: Soli Deo Gloria arr. Nancy Raabe

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O Lord, whose mercy reaches to the heavens,

**People: Whose faithfulness knows no end,**

Pastor: Let the greatness of Your love be known to us,

**People: That we may worship You with wonder, joy and thanksgiving.**

\*HYMN 67 O God, Our Help in Ages Past St. Anne

CALL TO PRAYER AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Almighty God, in You we live and move and have our being. You have made us for Yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in You. Give us such purity of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish temptation may hinder us from knowing Your will, and no weakness from doing it. In Your light may we see light, and in Your service our fulfillment and perfect freedom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 90: 1-6,10,12

SPECIAL MUSIC: Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee (Song of Ruth) Charles Gounod,  
Ashley Foss, mezzo soprano

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 1:6-11

\*HYMN 578 I Need Thee Every Hour Need

SERMON: OUR FASCINATION WITH TIME Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY                      God Is My Shepherd                      Antonin Dvorak  
   Ashley Foss, mezzo soprano

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 THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

Leader: Let us pray..

THE LORD'S PRAYER                      HYMNAL 307                      Malotte

\*HYMN 65                      A Mighty Fortress Is Our God                      Ein' Feste Burg

THE BENEDICTION (Unison)

**May the guarding of the God of life be upon us,  
the guarding of the loving Christ be upon us,  
the guarding of the Holy Spirit be upon us,  
every day and night, to aid us and enfold us,  
each day and night. Amen.**

POSTLUDE                      Festival Voluntary                      Jeremiah Clarke

**MAY GOD BLESS US ALL ON THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY**

**MAY EVERYONE HERE THIS MORNING FEEL PART OF THIS HAPPY AND VIBRANT DAY**

**COMMUNITY GATHERED TO WORSHIP ALMIGHTY GOD.** Sense the joy and privilege. Please join us for the light reception afterwards. Meet friends “old” and new.

**A SPECIAL WELCOME** to Ashley Foss, mezzo soprano, who will share her beautiful voice with us today in our worship.

**A MUSICAL TREAT AWITS YOU THIS EVENING** here in the Sanctuary at 6:30 P.M. with some of Baltimore’s outstanding soloists and musicians. The theme of the evening will be “Love is in the air.” A donation of \$10 per person is suggested.

**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.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITY:** Please sign up 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.

**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.

**PASTORAL CARE** is high on our list of priorities. So please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Ernest Smart, at any time, either for yourself or someone you know. Best contact number: 410-893-9470.

**Thought for the Week Ahead:**

**The Good Lord God gives each of us one day at a time.**

**Have you calculated how many days old you are?**

**– Ernest Smart-**