

Sunday, January 11, 2015

9:00 a.m.

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY, GIVEN TO US TO ENJOY

PRELUDE: Larghetto from Sonata Op.58 Frederick Chopin

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We praise and worship the God who created us.

People: We bless our God for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Pastor: We who have been so blessed by God now gather to praise Him.

People: Therefore, in our music and word, in prayer and meditation, in our caring and our mission, let us worship God with joy in our hearts.

*HYMN 66 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise St. Denio

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

God our Father, we admit to You that we have failed to be the men and women You meant us to be. Often when duty has called, we have shirked it, and we have defended ourselves with excuses which did not convince us, let alone deceive You. We ask for Your forgiveness for all our failures which hurt ourselves as well as others. Give us the resolve to put right what can be put right.

Release us from all our burdens of guilt, anxiety and doubt, so that we can step into the future unafraid, knowing that even if we fail, such failure does not put us out of reach of Your grace and help which come through our faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 46: 1-11

SPECIAL MUSIC: Scherzo from Sonata Op.58 Frederick Chopin

GOSPEL LESSON St. Matthew 6: 1- 6

*HYMN 250 O Breath of Life St. Clement

SERMON: SILENCE IS GOLDEN Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 546

Amazing Grace!

New Britain

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

From Foreign Lands and People

Robert Schumann

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 (*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 595

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

THE BENEDICTION (Unison)

May we walk with God in the days of this week. May we walk in His steps and in His strength. May we listen to His word and obey His voice. May we rejoice in the opportunities that rise before us and find great joy along the way, the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

POSTLUDE Winter Rhapsody - Dennis Alexander

ON THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS SECOND SUNDAY OF 2015 MAY YOU HAVE A HEART THAT IS FULL OF HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE. SUCH ARE THE GIFTS OF GOD TO EACH OF US.

WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO WORSHIP TODAY. May this hour be a blessing to you, your family and all your friends. This week we are also called to share those blessings with everyone around us.

EVERYONE IS ALSO INVITED to spend an enjoyable time with us at the reception afterwards in the church lounge.

WE WELCOME BACK our gifted pianist Elizabeth Borowsky as the musical leader this morning.

OUR MISSION COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 1:30 P.M. here at church. Anyone interested in expanding our programs will be most welcome to come with new ideas.

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are shared at this time with the family and friends of Shirley Alger who died last Sunday, January 4, 2015 at Stella Maris. Shirley was a keen supporter of St. Andrew's along with his wife, Ruth. A memorial service for Shirley was held here at Church on Saturday, January 10.

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.

OUR NEXT P&R MEETING (PLANNING AND REVIEW) will be held on Monday, January 19, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. here at church. This is an open meeting to which all are invited to hear and see financial reports, past, present and future plans, plus reports of our several committees.

NEXT SUNDAY we will be hearing about a mission program, "Stamp the Pig." After worship there will be an opportunity for everyone to meet in the Fellowship Hall to contribute to the program which helps disadvantaged children.

OUR ST. ANDREW'S BOOK CLUB will hold its next meeting at the home of Barbara Pour on Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. Call Barbara Pour for any details. (410-377-4046)

LOOKING AHEAD: This year we will be supporting the Empty Bowls Mission project on Sunday, February 15, 2015, in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Please see Barbara Pour for more details.

Thought for the Week Ahead:

"Prayer to the Christian is as essential as a laboratory is to the scientist."
-P.T. Forsyth-