

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015



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Sunday, May 17, 2015

9:00 a.m.

GOD CALLS US TO APPRECIATE THE GIFT OF THIS DAY OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Allegro Moderato, Concerto in C Minor Benedetto Marcello

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 thank 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.

Pastor: Let us gather as a people of hope,

All: offering our prayers of praise to Almighty God.

*HYMN 18 All People That on Earth Do Dwell Old 100th

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAYER, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious and loving God, ashamed of our sins yet confident in Your mercy, we confess that we have been ungrateful and disobedient children. We have accepted Your many gifts without acknowledgment and have focused on more. You have blessed us with freedom but so often we have misused it by going our own willful way, rebelling against Your judgment.

Loving and merciful God, forgive what we have been, correct what we are, and direct what we shall be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Samuel 5: 1-12

SPECIAL MUSIC: Adagio, Concerto in C Minor Benedetto Marcello
Kara Poling, oboe

GOSPEL LESSON: St. Mark 4: 35-41

*HYMN 632 Lead On, O King Eternal Lancastershire

SERMON: LEADERSHIP STYLES –YOUR CHOICE

Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 717 Let All Things Now Living Ash Grove

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Siciliana Concerto in C Major Cimarosa

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

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 272 The Church's One Foundation (verses 1, 2 and 5) Aurelia

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Allegro Concerto in C Major Cimarosa

WELCOME NOTES

WE HAVE FAITH, WE HAVE FREEDOM AND WE HAVE EACH OTHER. LET US GIVE GOD THANKS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THINK OF THIS HOUR OF WORSHIP AS THE MOST IMPORTANT HOUR OF THIS COMING WEEK. We are assured of God's blessings of love, wisdom and guidance – indispensables for each day.

MAY THIS WORSHIP EXPERIENCE at St. Andrew's today bring you a week full of hope, peace, purpose and love. We are a community gathering and everyone is always invited to feel at home.

ALL OF OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS today and visitors are invited to "sign in" at the Guest Book located at the entrance of the Sanctuary. Please also remain for a wee while at the reception time. We continue to thank those who have prepared it.

ESPECIALLY DO WE WELCOME INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP OF OUR ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH FAMILY, ANDREW SPENCER-STRONG.

Andrew is a bright and enthusiastic young man and has been taught and guided to this occasion by Rosemary Smart. We are also delighted to have with us Andrew's family, Libby and Steve Mckenzie, and his grandparents, Vera and Bill Spencer-Strong.

WE ALSO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to Kara Poling, our guest oboist.

THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR P&R (planning and review) Board will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. here at church. This is an open meeting to which everyone is invited to hear of St. Andrew's business matters, past, present and future.

OUR BUS TRIP TO GETTYSBURG'S NEW MUSEUM LAST TUESDAY was a very happy and fascinating experience for everyone. Many thanks again to Barbara Pour and Geoffrey Arrowsmith, our wonderful organizers.

THE PAINT AND POWDER SHOW, directed by Bernie Cook will be held on May 28, 29 and 30 in the Brown Memorial Woodbrook Church Auditorium. Details for reservations are to be found on the Lounge piano, or contact Bernie Cook at 410 446 4142.

LOOKING AHEAD TO MEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 25, 2015. As per last year there will be a Memorial Day picnic here at Church from noon to 3:00 p.m. Everyone in Church and community is invited.

Thought for the Week Ahead:

What gives my life meaning is struggle, and knowing that God is present in struggle. -
Ignacio Castuera (in Questions on Faith)