

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015



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Sunday, May 24, 2015

9:00 a.m.

MEMORIAL WEEKEND

PRELUDE: Every Time I Feel the Spirit, African American spiritual
arr. Adolphus Hailstork

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, Gracious God, and waken us to Your presence.

People: Alert us to Your love.

Pastor: Affirm us in Your peace.

People: Open us to Your way.

Pastor: Reveal to us Your joy.

People: Enfold us in Your light,

Pastor: for our hearts are ready.

All: Lord, our hearts are ready.

*HYMN 4 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Nicea

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

God of peace and God of hope, we are a restless people. As the weight of the world increases, we look everywhere for release. We confess that we have not found any solutions to our problems, nor deliverance from our burdens. We desire peace but have overlooked Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

We yearn for hope, but fail to understand that You have already given us hope. Enable us to hear the truth of Your love which remains constant, but we continue to be frail, fallible and fickle in our life-styles. This can be especially true in our dealings with family and friends. Enable us to hear Your message afresh this day. Cleanse us from all past and recent failings and faithlessness. Remind us that we will always be loved and accepted. In Your name and the spirit of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 24

SPECIAL MUSIC: Invocation of the Spirit, arr. Elaine Rendler

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 2: 1-13

*HYMN 611 Rise Up, O Saints of God Festal Song

SERMON: WHO GETS THE GLORY?

Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 721 My Country, 'Tis of Thee

America

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Praise the Spirit in Creation, Julion, arr. Nancy Raabe

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.**

CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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 72 To God Be the Glory

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THE BENEDICTION (in unison)

Let us go forth today full of confidence and hope, knowing that God goes before us. God's presence will guide us, keep us, and strengthen us for the living of these days. May we be a powerful presence in the world, bringing peace to those whose lives we touch. Let us be ambassadors for Jesus Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Gracious Spirit Hear our Pleading Njoo Kwetu, Roho Mwema,
arr. Nancy Raabe

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY

WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO WORSHIP for this Memorial Day weekend. This Sunday is also Pentecost, traditionally recognized as the Birthday of the Christian Church throughout the world. May each of us feel the winds of confidence and excitement blowing through our being. This is what the Holy Spirit does to energize the Church.

ALL FRIENDS AND VISITORS are invited to sign the Guest Book located at the entrance of the Sanctuary and to spend a wee while with us during our reception after the service. "Let's make God happy."

MISSION NEWS: At our last Board meeting the following gifts were made on behalf of St. Andrew's:

Helping Up Mission: 1000

Women's Housing Coalition: 1000

Joseph Ritchie Hospice: 500

Summer Camp McKim Center: 1000

The Community School: 500

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 (note change of number)

MAY IS ALSO OPPORTUNITY MONTH:

Volunteers are invited to help weed and water the Church garden over the summer months. Sign up sheet on the piano.

Cookies and goodies are needed for a variety of Sundays over the summer months

for our weekly receptions.

Care to add your name to the Sunday flower list? Please contact Jane and Laura Eldridge. (410-296-1284)

NOTE CHANGE: First Christian Church will NOT be holding a Memorial Day picnic on Monday, May 25.

PASTORAL CARE: Please do not hesitate to call our pastor, Ernest Smart, either for yourself or someone you know. Best contact number is 410-893-9470.

Thought for the Week Ahead

That person is richest whose pleasures are the cheapest.

- Henry David Thoreau-