

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2013



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Sunday, May 3, 2015

9:00 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

PRELUDE: I Come with Joy Dove of Peace arr. Nancy Raabe

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We have come to worship Almighty God, in His glory and His love,

People: To thank Him for His goodness to us, and to offer Him our obedient service.

All: We have come to learn a new way of living, in deeper faith and love as Jesus Christ has taught us.

*HYMN 64 We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God Ellacombe

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

Loving God, may Your grace come like the floodtide to wash us clean and lift us from our past failures to be all that we have been called to be. May Your guiding power drive us on with a renewed and deeper purpose that will give us new confidence and sure direction amid the swirling currents of the day.

May we here today recommit our hearts and souls and minds to following Your will, serving Your church, and fulfilling its ministries in the home, in the workplace, and in all our walks through our social gatherings, even as those early followers who, by doing so changed the world. Hear our prayer, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION FOR ROBERT TILGHMAN LEVERING

*HYMN 354 Seek Ye First Seek Ye First

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 6: 10-20

SPECIAL MUSIC: Andante, Menuetto, Floetenuhr 1792, F. J. Haydn

SERMON: AVAILABLE HERE: SUITS OF ARMOR, ALL SIZES Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY Adoro Te Devote 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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*COMMUNION HYMN 419 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly Holy Manna

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are invited to come to the Lord's Table)

COMMUNION MUSIC: Let Us Break Bread Together Charles Callahan

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 613 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus Webb

THE BENEDICTION (unison)

May the light of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ shine in our hearts, transform our lives and brighten the world. And may the blessings of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Lobe Den Herren Hermann Grabner

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS A GRAND AND GLORIOUS SPRING DAY

TODAY IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. We are called to be Easter people, believing wholeheartedly in the power of the Resurrection and the blessings of love, grace, hope, peace and joy that are the fruits of our faith in Jesus Christ.

PLEASE JOIN US for a light reception in the Church lounge immediately after worship. Again we thank those who have prepared it.

ESPECIALLY DO WE WELCOME INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP OF OUR ST.

ANDREW'S CHURCH FAMILY ROBERT TILGHMAN LEVERING, son of Bill and Barbara Levering. Robbie has been a part of our Church School, under the personal guidance of his teacher, Barbara Pour. He is a bright and enthusiastic young man, now ready to take his vows of faith in Jesus Christ. He was baptized here on November 12, 2005.

MISSION NEWS: At our last Board meeting the following gifts were made on behalf of our St. Andrew's Church family: \$1,000 each to The Maryland Food Bank and the McKim Center, \$500 each to Habitat for Humanity (Chesapeake) and Our Daily Bread.

THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR MISSION AND DREAM TEAM will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. here at church. Everyone is welcome to join us with bright ideas and suggestions for trips.

OUR TRIP TO THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM IN WASHINGTON last Monday was a very happy and fascinating day. Many thanks to Geoffrey Arrowsmith and Barbara Pour, our wonderful organizers.

AND FOR THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY

A trip has been arranged for us to visit the new museum at Gettysburg on Tuesday, May 12. Details and sign up sheet on the lounge piano.

Our St. Andrew's Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 14 at the home of Liz Stierhoff.

The Scottish Highland Games will be held on Saturday, May 16 at Fairhill. This is a wonderful and colorful day for all the family. Brochures will be found on the lounge piano.

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

"It is good to flee temptation, but don't leave a forwarding address."