

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2014



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Sunday, November 23, 2014

9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING

PRELUDE: O That I Had A Thousand Voices O Dass Ich Tausend Haette
arr. Nancy Raabe

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose steadfast love endure forever. Let Israel say,

People: "God's steadfast love endures forever."

Pastor: This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*HYMN 718 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come St. George's Windsor

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

God of grace and God of glory, remember us in Your mercy. Remind us of Your desire to share the fullness of life with all Your children. We forget those who deserve our gratitude. We take our friendships for granted. Too often we do not remember the right gesture until it is too late.

Make us thankful and generous with all that has been given to us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Inspire us that we may rightly remember the past by building a legacy of hope for those who follow us, that they too may know the goodness of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...(moment of silent reflection)

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and free from all the sins and stains of the past. Let us be truly thankful and enjoy this glorious good news.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Be Thou My Vision
Teri Bickham, soprano

arr. Richard Walter

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 4: 4-9

*HYMN 61

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

SERMON: THE THERAPY OF THANKS

Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 717

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY:

Gebet

Hugo Wolf

Teri Bickham, 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 (*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 720

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Materna

THE BENEDICTION (unison)

Teach us, Good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest, to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil, and not to seek for rest; to labor, and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do Thy will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Thanks and Praise

Elaine Rendler

LET US BE THANKFUL FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY

EVERYONE TODAY IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AT WORSHIP. May we all worship Almighty God with heart and mind and soul and strength, and be thankful every day for all of God's blessings.

DO PLEASE JOIN US for a delightful reception after worship. Many thanks again to those who have prepared it. There is also a guest book at the entrance of the sanctuary. Visitors are invited to "sign in."

TODAY WE WELCOME TERI BICKHAM as our guest musician. Teri, a native of Maryland, earned a Master of Music degree from Moore's Opera Center at the University of Houston and has been on the faculty at Towson University since 2006. She has been a frequent guest artist throughout the United States and Europe.

OUR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING was held on Sunday, November 16 after worship. Many, many thanks to all who attended and continue to support St. Andrew's and to all who added to the spirit of our eleventh birthday party.

OUR COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE will be held this evening, at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Methodist Church at Charles and Northern Parkway. All area congregations and members are invited and encouraged to attend.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2014 will be a "Hanging of the Green Day." First Christian Church is inviting everyone who might be free any time from 8:00 a.m. to noon to help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. All help will be greatly appreciated.

DECEMBER 3RD 2014 (WEDNESDAY) IS THE CHOSEN DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL ST. ANDREW'S POT-LUCK DINNER. From 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. we will enjoy a gorgeous meal together, enjoy each other's company, and enjoy wrapping up gifts for one of our mission projects. Sign-up sheets will be found on the lounge piano. For more information, please call Linda Schneidereith at 410-828-8986.

Thought for the Week Ahead:

"Gratitude is the interest we owe to God for the life He has loaned us."

-L.W. Wakeman-