

ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, September 13, 2015



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Sunday, September 13, 2015

9:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR GOD'S GIFT OF THIS DAY

PRELUDE: Esurientes implevit bonis Magnificat, J.S. Bach

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We are gathered here together to praise and worship Almighty God,

People: With heart and soul and mind and strength.

Pastor: Let us heed the call and remember that we are God's children,
every one of us.

All: Let us rejoice in the privilege of being together.

*HYMN 2 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Hymn to Joy

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

Yours, O God, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty ; for everything in heaven and on earth is Yours; Yours, O Lord, is the sovereignty, and You are exalted as Lord and Creator. Reign then in our hearts, O Lord, and bring all nations of Your world under Your rule, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Savior.

O Holy God, throned in glory, we are quite unfit to appear before You. We have not allowed You to rule in our lives, nor to reign over our hearts. We have withheld the reverence that was due to You, and so often ignored Your royal commands. Although claiming to be citizens of Your kingdom, we have done little to support or extend it. Ashamed of who we are, we dare to appeal to You for mercy and pardon.

Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 139: 1-12

SPECIAL MUSIC: I've Been in the Storm Too Long Jeffrey Ames
(In memory of the victims of Hurricane Katrina), Gus Mercante

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Philippians 2:1-11

WELCOME NOTES

LET'S MAKE GOD HAPPY! THIS IS OUR CALLING AT ST. ANDREW'S.

TODAY YOU HAVE CHOSEN to be part of our community at worship. Let us make this hour both special and meaningful through which God will bless us and everyone around us with hope, peace and love.

ALL OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS TODAY are invited to “sign in” at the guest book located at the entrance of the sanctuary, and to join us all at the light reception in the church lounge after worship.

WE WELCOME GUS MERCANTE, countertenor, as our guest soloist today.

OUR ST. ANDREW'S BOOK CLUB. This happy gathering will resume its new session at the home of Barbara Pour on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. There will be a light supper. Please let Barbara know if you are planning to attend. Bring along also your favorite summer read to share. Her number is 410-377-4046.

THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR PLANNING AND REVIEW (P&R) BOARD will be held on September 21, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. here at church. This is an open meeting to which everyone is invited to hear and share all matters pertaining to the past, present and future of St. Andrew's.

A BUS OUTING TO SEE THE VATICAN TREASURES will take place on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Please note in your diary. More details later.

PASTORAL NEEDS Please do not hesitate to call our pastor, Ernest Smart, either for yourself or someone you know. The best contact number is 410-893-9470 (home)

Thought for the Week Ahead:

**“Anyone without a soul friend is like a body without a head.”
-St. Brigit of Kildare-**