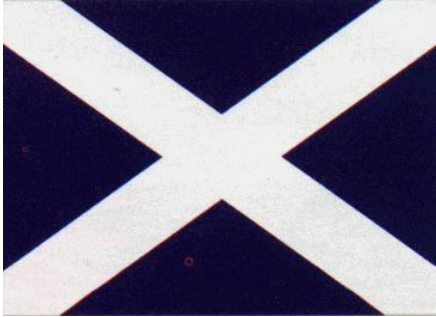


# **ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

**SUNDAY, September 27, 2015**



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**THE REV. ERNEST R. D. SMART, *Pastor*  
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**Sunday, September 27, 2015**

**9:00 a.m.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THIS HOLY DAY

PRELUDE: Our Father by Whose Name Rhosymedre, arr. Keith Lolander

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us. God has called us to this place and to a life of love and service.

**People: All of us seek purpose in living.**

Pastor: We come, conscious of our rich tradition, encircled by a cloud of unseen witnesses, looking for guideposts at the crossroads, directing us to new avenues of service.

**People: With joy in our hearts, and openness to God's presence, we come to worship Almighty God.**

HYMN 5 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Azmon

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

**God of the ages, You know us better than we know ourselves. You already know our history, our shortcomings and our failings. Yet You also know our greatest need. You alone know the depth of our hunger. Even when we are too ashamed to admit our need, You offer the sustenance of Your love.**

**We pray to You, God of mercy, that You might grant us Your forgiveness this day. Let us be grateful for all Your blessings, undeserved by us. Restore our faith and let us live out our days in partnership with our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ, who still says to us, "I am the way, the truth and the life" and "Follow me."**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 45: 1-15

SPECIAL MUSIC: Morning Has Broken Bunessan arr. Richard Proulx

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

\*HYMN 655 Community of Christ Leoni

SERMON: HOW FAR WITH RECONCILIATION?

Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN 602 O Master, Let me Walk with Thee

Maryton

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Here I am Lord

arr. Janet Linker

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 683 O for a World

Azmon

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain  
arr. James Blery

Gaudeamus Pariter

## WELCOME NOTES

### YOU HELP MAKE THIS A GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY

**ST. ANDREW'S IS A WELCOMING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.** Regardless of background and tradition, each one of us is a loved child of God. Let us together worship God with heart and soul and mind and strength. We can be assured of God's guiding presence every day of this coming week.

**GUESTS AND VISITORS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME.** Do please sign the guest book located at the entrance of the sanctuary, and to join us for the light reception in the church lounge after worship.

**MISSION NEWS.** At our recent monthly board meeting, the following contributions were unanimously approved:

Center for Genetic Muscle(Ducheene's Disease) Kennedy Kreiger Institute \$500

Mosaic Community Services-unrestricted \$1500

Art with a Heart Children's Program (for the Family Crisis Center)-\$1800

**BUS OUTING TO SEE THE VATICAN TREASURES** on Tuesday, October 13 2015. Sign up sheets will be on the lounge piano. Cost of entrance fee and bus will be \$50 per person. Bus will leave at 9:00 a.m. returning around 4:00 p.m. Please see Barbara Pour with any questions.

**COLLECTION OF BOX TOPS RESTARTED.** Just bring them along and place in the jar beside the lounge piano. In this practical way, we will be supporting Brehms Lane Elementary School. Linda Hughes is a teacher there.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AND INVITED TO JOIN CHURCH CLEAN UP DAYS.** These are scheduled for Saturday, October 3, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, and on Tuesday, October 6, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Just bring long dusters, window cleaners, brushes, garden rakes, etc. No restrictions on ages.

**SUNDAY FLOWERS.** There are spaces open for those who would like to join our Sunday flower team. St. Andrew's is responsible for the cost, but volunteers for collection are invited. Please contact Jane and Laura Eldridge at 410-296-1284.

### LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER:

Sunday, October 19: Our Annual Scottish Services will be held. Also Baltimore Musicale will present another wonderful musical evening at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to both of these occasions.

**Thought for the Week Ahead :**

**“Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.”**

**(Hymnal 677)**