

# ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

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Sunday, February 26, 2012

9:00AM

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

PRELUDE: Gather Us In arr. John Behnke

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord because He is good. His love is eternal.

**People: Who can tell all the great things He has done? Who can praise Him enough?**

Pastor: Happy are those who obey His commands, who always do what is right.  
(from Psalm 106)

\* HYMN 72 To God Be the Glory To God Be the Glory

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

**Loving and Gracious God, from whose presence we cannot flee, and from whose knowledge we cannot hide, give us grace to admit and lament our faults. Forbid it that we should deceive ourselves with the thoughts that we are sinless, or try to find excuses for the failings of which our conscience accuses us.**

**We have sinned by departing from Your ways, by taking Your gifts for granted and by indulging our desires. Our pride and our stubbornness have caused You grief. We humbly confess that we are no longer fit to be called Your children. But be merciful to us, O God, and forgive us. Grant us hope and a clean, fresh start, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC: La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin Claude Debussy

GOSPEL LESSON St. Matthew 4:1-11

\*HYMN 275 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Westminster Abbey

SERMON: SUCH TANTALIZING TEMPTATIONS Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

\*HYMN 594            Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind (verses 1, 3 and 5)            Rest

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY:    Faith of Our Fathers            St. Catherine, arr Charles Callahan

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 611            Rise Up, O Saints of God            Festal Song

BENEDICTION (*Unison*)

**May grace, peace and the love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit guide, protect and defend us, that in all ways we might stand strong in the faith by which we are kept...forever. Amen.**

POSTLUDE            Joyful, Joyful,            Hymn to Joy    arr. Kevin Sadowski

## **WELCOME NOTES**

### **ANOTHER GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY –LET US GIVE GOD THANKS**

**HOW GOOD IT IS** that you are part of St. Andrew's worshipping community on this first Sunday in the season of Lent. Lent is an invitation to each and all of us to begin a spiritual journey with the presence of Jesus Christ. Every day we will have the opportunity to experience cleansing, renewal, hope and purpose. Such are Christ's blessing. Please join us for a light reception after today's worship.

**WE ALSO EXPRESS ONGOING THANKS** to all who contribute so much to the life, energy and planning of St. Andrew's in so many wonderful ways –music, education, bulletin preparation, flowers, receptions, and not least our accounting, under the expertise of Lisl Dutterer. (Please call her if you have any questions—410-248-0676)

### **MANY THANKS ARE ALSO DUE TO KAREN AND BILL HAY**

who headed up our Ash Wednesday souper-supper last week.

**AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**, the following mission gifts were unanimously approved: \$1000 to the Foundation for Fighting Blindness and \$315 to Boy Scout Troop #170 for special projects.

**TRIP TO LONGWOOD GARDENS.** Our Dream Team has planned a bus trip to Longwood Gardens on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 for the spring display. Cost will be \$11 as the entrance fee, plus transportation cost. Sign up sheet is on the lounge piano with more details on the "Bill of Fare" sheet prepared so attractively by Barbara Lewis.

**OUR GUEST PREACHER NEXT SUNDAY** will be our good friend, Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole. Come along and give him our customary huge welcome. His theme: "Miracles by the Clock." This day will also be our monthly communion Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

**OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** are shared at this time with the family and friends of Patricia Ross who died on February 15, 2012. Pat was an enthusiastic supporter of St. Andrew's since its inception in November, 2003. A memorial service was held here at church on Saturday, February 18.

### **Thought for the week ahead:**

“What gives my life meaning is struggle and knowing that God is present in struggle.”

- Ignacio Castuera in “Questions of Faith”