

ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

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Sunday, October 9, 2011

9:00 A.M.

THIS DAY IS A GIFT FROM ALMIGHTY GOD, THE LORD OF ALL CREATION.

PRELUDE Bouree and Minuet Finale, Royal Firework Suite G.F. Handel

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.**

Pastor: Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted on the earth.

People: The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Israel is our refuge.

*HYMN 464 God of Grace and God of Glory CWM Rhonnda

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

Gracious God, in all the dark places of our experience, help us to find a little goodness.

In all the dark places of intolerance, conflict and suffering, let us speak well of everyone who plants a seed of goodness.

Cover those moments which sadden us with memories which enlarge and enrich us.

Balance the negatives we create and run into with the positives that are waiting for us.

Make us conscious of Your forgiving spirit and let that spirit of newness lift our own spirits, through our faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 1: 1-7, 24-31

SPECIAL MUSIC: Midnight Star, Kathryn Kilroy, vibraphone David Friedman

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON St. John 1: 1-14

*HYMN 53 Morning Has Broken Bunessan

SERMON: THE POWER OF IMAGINATION Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 33

How Great Thou Art

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THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Tender Talk, from Conversation Suite for Marimba
Kathryn Kilroy, marimba

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 517

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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THE BENEDICTION (in unison)

Let us walk in the way of kindness; let us walk the way of right; let us walk the way of wisdom; let us walk the way of light; through the faith we have in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing, Royal Firework Suite,

G. F. Handel

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY

A HUNDRED THOUSAND WELCOMES TO YOU ALL (a Celtic greeting). May you feel part of the living and loving community of St. Andrew's.

JOIN US for a delightful reception immediately after our worship service today. We continue to thank those who have prepared it. Let us all be thankful and enjoy our friends 'old' and new.

OUR NEXT MEETING OF OUR JOURNEY THROUGH THE PARABLES OF JESUS will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at the Brightwood Center (off Falls Road) at 10 A.M. All are welcome. Please read the parable of the talents (St. Matthew 25: 14-30), one of the best known but most misunderstood of all the stories of Jesus.

SPARE COPIES OF OUR NEW ST. ANDREW'S VISIONARY are available on the lounge piano for friends and neighbors. We are enormously grateful to Barbara Lewis for her editing and publication.

CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR BREHMS LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (a Title One school) located in the Bel Air/Moravia Road area. Linda Hughes, both a member of St. Andrew's and a teacher at the school, invites everyone to bring along box tops from cereal boxes etc. for school fund-raising. A collection box will be found on the lounge piano.

THE MISSION AND DREAM TEAM will meet on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 2:30 P.M. here at church. This is an open meeting to which all are invited.

OUR SIXTH ANNUAL SCOTTISH KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS will be held here at church next Sunday, October 16, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. with special guests from the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore, along with pipes, pomp and pageantry. Wear tartans galore!

OUR NEXT P&R MEETING (PLANNING AND REVIEW) will be held on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Please note change of date.

A BLESSING OF THE PETS SERVICE: First Christian Church is inviting everyone to bring along their domestic pets on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 3:00 P.M. on the church lawns. Questions to Rev. Carol Cook (410-435-1506)

Thought for the week ahead:

"The winds and the waves are always
on the side of the ablest navigators."

--Edward Gibbon-