

ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012



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Sunday, February 5, 2012

9:00AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THIS DAY OF BLESSINGS.

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PRELUDE Prelude from Suite No. 5 J.S. Bach
Frances Borowsky, cello

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 of 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.

* HYMN 4 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Nicea

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

O God of all truth and love, we acknowledge before You our deep need for a new birth of Christ's spirit in the world; in the suspicions which divide humanity; in the timidity which holds back good causes; in the indifference which leaves evil to go unchecked.

O God, forgive us and enable us to hear again this day Christ's gracious invitation: "Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy-laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart, and you shall find rest for your souls." (moment of silent reflection)

Pastor: Through Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 23

SPECIAL MUSIC Andante, Sonata Op. 102, No.1 Ludwig von Beethoven
Frances Borowsky, cello and Patti Amato, piano

GOSPEL LESSON St. Luke 14 12-24

*HYMN 251 O Holy Spirit, Root of Life Ouer Nobis Nascitur

SERMON

“NO RAIN CHECKS “

Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY Variations on Rococo Theme, P. I Tchaikovsky; Theme and
Variation 1 Frances Borowsky, cello Patti Amato, piano

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

*COMMUNION HYMN: 384 Here at Thy Table, Lord Bread of Life

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are welcome at Christ's Holy table)

COMMUNION MUSIC Prelude on "Eat This Bread" C. Berthier,
Arr. Charles Calahan

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 655 Community of Christ Leoni

BENEDICTION (*Unison*)

**May God, who is the ground of hope, fill us with all joy and peace as we
lead the life of faith until, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we overflow
with hope. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Variations on Rococo Theme

Tchaikovsky

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS SPECIAL DAY

WELCOME TO YOU ALL TODAY. Enjoy this worship experience together. Each Sunday is, and we believe should be a celebration of God's gifts of faith, freedom and fellowship. We are also called to share these blessings with all around us.

ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS are invited to sign the guest book located at the entrance of the sanctuary and to join us all for the light reception after worship in the lounge.

OUR NEXT BIBLE STUDY MEETING will be held at the Brightwood Center, Brightwood Road, (off Falls Rd) Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 10:00 A.M. Come, learn, and enjoy the experience. We continue our journey through the miracles of Jesus. Please read St. John 6:1-14 (The Feeding of the Five Thousand).

AT THE LAST BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, the following mission's gifts were unanimously approved:

Helping Up Mission	\$1000	Family Crisis Center	\$1000
McKim Center	\$ 500	Hopewell Cancer Center	\$1000

FEEDING YOUR FAITH. There is no more effective way of feeding our spiritual selves than reading a chapter of the Bible every day. Copies of the Contemporary Bible are available on the lounge piano. Please take a copy, either for yourself or a family member or neighbor. Every day then becomes an adventure.

EXCELLENT CHILD CARE is available every Sunday during our worship hours. Spread the word.

ASH WEDNESDAY this year will be on February 22, 2012. An inter-faith service with our sister congregations is being planned. More details later.

TRIP TO LONGWOOD GARDENS. Our Dream Team is planning a bus trip to Longwood Gardens on Tuesday, April 17, 2012. This should be at the height of the spring bloom show. More details later. Everyone will be welcome. Please not the date in your diary.

HOME COMUNION. This is available wherever there is a need, either at home or nursing home or hospital. Please do not hesitate to contact our pastor, Ernest Smart. Best contact number is 410-893-9470.

Thought for the week ahead:

“Many a fellow is praying for rain while his
tub is turned up-side-down” -Sam P. Jones-