

ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2011



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Sunday, March 6, 2011

9:00AM

SENSE THE JOY AND PRIVILEGE OF COMMUNITY WORSHIP

PRELUDE God of Day and God of Darkness, *Beach Spring*, setting Lynn Trapp

THE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known His deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of His wonderful works.

All: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. (from Psalm 105)

*HYMN 100 When Morning Gilds the Skies Laudes Domini

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

Lord God, You are holy and strong; forgive our weakness.

Lord God, You are holy and wise; forgive our foolishness.

Lord God, You are holy and loving; forgive our hardness.

Lord God, You are holy and generous; forgive our selfishness.

Lord God, You are holy and faithful; forgive our fickleness.

Lord God, You are holy and gentle; forgive our indifference.

Forgive us, Lord God, forgive us through our faith in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior..... (moment of silent reflection)

Pastor: Upon our sincere repentance, we are forgiven and free. Let us live worthily of this new life in Christ. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FOREGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 84

SPECIAL MUSIC "The People Who Walked in Darkness", MESSIAH, G.F. Handel.
Jason Buckwalter, baritone

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 2:1-10

*HYMN 274 I Love Your Church, O God St. Thomas

SERMON: "KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH GREATNESS" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Prayer," L.von Beethoven; Jason Buckwalter, baritone

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: 404 A Hymn of Joy We Sing Boylston

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are welcome at Christ's holy table)

COMMUNION MUSIC "Behold the Son of God" W.A. Mozart.
Jason Buckwalter, baritone

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*) Celtic Prayer

May the love of the Father enfold us, the wisdom of the Son enlighten us, the fire of the Spirit enflame us, now and forevermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE Sing my Tongue, the Song of Triumph, PICARDY, setting Albert Zabel

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY

LET EVERYONE FEEL AT HOME in our worship this morning. We are God's children, brothers and sisters in the family of Jesus Christ. May this day of Holy Communion be a blessing for you and your family all of this week.

ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS are invited to sign the guest book located at the entrance of the sanctuary and to join friends "old" and new at the reception in the lounge after worship.

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011. Please see insert for this marvelous opportunity to experience this "Souper-Supper." Sign up sheets on the lounge piano.

THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR GREAT JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE will be held at the Brightwood Center, Brightwood Road, (off Falls Road) on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 9:30 A.M. We will continue our study of the healing miracles.

HOME COMMUNION AVAILABLE. Please contact our pastor, Ernest Smart, and he will be pleased to bring home communion to those unable to join us today.

PASTORAL CARE is high on our list of priorities. So please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Ernest Smart at any time, either for yourself or someone you know. (Home telephone is best. 410-893-9470)

TAIZE ON TUESDAYS. On each of the Tuesdays in Lent, there will be an opportunity to gather to spend time in prayer and meditation in the sanctuary. Time: Noon to 1:00 P.M.

ST. ANDREW'S SPRING MENU. Please take a copy if you do not already have one. Keep it for reference. Looking ahead: a bus trip to Winterthur Museum is being planned for Tuesday, May 3, 2011. Details and sign-up sheet will be found on the lounge piano.

Thought for the week ahead:

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." – Winston Churchill