

ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011



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Sunday; September 18, 2011

9:00A.M.

THIS DAY IS THE LORD'S DAY! LET US CELEBRATE!

PRELUDE When Love is Found O WALY WALY James Biery

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O Come, let us sing to our God; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

People: We come, O God, into Your presence with thanksgiving, rejoicing with songs of praise.

All: Let us worship Almighty God together.

* HYMN 277 Christians, We Have Met to Worship Holy Manna

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

Most merciful God, we humbly admit that we need Your help. We confess that we have wandered from Your way: we have done wrong and failed to do what is right. You alone can save us. Have mercy on us: wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FOREGIVENESS AND PROMISER OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 30:15-30

SPECIAL MUSIC Balm in Gilead Harry T. Burleigh
Jason Buckwalter, baritone

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

*HYMN 250 O Breath of Life St. Clement

SERMON: FACING HARD CHOICES Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

* HYMN 545

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

He Leadeth Me

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

An Excerpt from *Memorial*
Jason Buckwalter, baritone

René Clausen

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 453

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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BENEDICTION (*Unison*)

Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556)

Gracious Lord, be Thou a bright flame before us. Be Thou a guiding star above us. Be Thou a smooth path beneath us. Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind us, today and evermore, through the faith we have in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE Christ has Arisen, Alleluia MFURAHINI HALELUYA Tanzanian,
arr. Anne Kreutz Organ

WELCOME NOTES

MAKE THIS DAY A GRAND AND GLORIOUS OCCASION

WELCOME TO WORSHIP. You make us glad that you are here. We are all God's children. May this week be a week of blessings and answered prayers for you, your family and all your friends. God loves us more than we can ever imagine.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to remain for a time of friendship enjoyed during light refreshments. Visitors especially are invited to sign the guest book located at the entrance of the sanctuary.

LAST SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE with all five congregations was most meaningful and uplifting. The experience of memories of 9/11 touched us all, both through music and word. Many thanks to all who participated and also to those who made contributions to the pot-luck luncheon afterwards. Very greatly appreciated.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND REVIEW (P&R) TEAM will be held on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. This is an open meeting to which all are invited to hear of plans and projects and finances of St. Andrew's, past, present and future.

BOOK CLUB NEWS. Our St. Andrew's book club will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 6 P.M. at the home of Barbara Pour, 6110 Bellingham Court (Apt. 621) at Elkridge Estates. A taco salad will be served. Bring along your favorite summer reading. RSVP at 410-377-4046.

JOIN US FOR A BIBLE STUDY ADVENTURE through the parables of Jesus. We meet at the Brightwood Center (off Falls Road) on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 10 AM.

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER. Please note on your calendar that our annual Scottish Kirkin' O' the Tartans service will be held here on October 16, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.

Thought for the week ahead:

Always aim at complete harmony of thought and word and deed. Always aim at purifying your thoughts and everything will be well. – Mahatma Gandhi