

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
CHOIR SUNDAY  
December 18, 2011**

*\* Indicates a time to stand, if you are able*

**PRELUDE**

**GREETING**

*Dr. Brett Becker*

**\* PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

**\* HYMN OF GATHERING** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"  
Hymnal, #143

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison*

Merciful God, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. Even in this Advent season, we have lived for ourselves and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. O God, in your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, so that we may choose your will and obey your commandments, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**SILENT AND PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** *responsive*

**LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE**

*The Taylor Griffith Family*

**CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

"The Joy, Peace, and Love of Christmas"

*St. Andrew's Choir*

*Dauri Kennedy, Director; Konrad Kono, Piano*

**OFFERING and OFFERTORY**

*This is an intentional time of expressing our gratitude to God. Whether you have an offering this Sunday or not, take the plate, feel its touch in your hands, give thanks to God and bless all that is given this day.*

**\* OFFERING RESPONSE** "O Bless the Gifts"

O bless the gifts our hands have brought;  
and bless the work our hearts have planned.  
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;  
the rest, O God, is in your hand.

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"  
(vss. 1 & 4) Hymnal, #392

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* SENDING** "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

*It is our tradition at St. Andrew's to hold our neighbors' hands while we sing.*

**\* POSTLUDE**

## POINSETTIAS

### PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

Greeters: Nina & Nevin Chamberlain

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle:

The Taylor Griffith Family

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GUESTS** Please stop by our Welcome Table this morning for a free coffee mug and information about St. Andrew's mission and programs. *Please fill out the blue Welcome card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate as it comes by today.*

**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIRE** continues today in Morgan Hall. You can contribute to Transition House, the Foodbank "Backpack" program, Church World Services and the Angel Tree.

**PYF** - Tonight, Progressive Dinner, meet at the church at 5p.m.

### PLEDGE INCOME REPORT

Amount pledged through 11-30-11: \$251,456

Amount received from pledges as of 11-30-11: \$224,792

**ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS SOUP SUPPER.** Wednesday, December 21, 6:00p.m. in Morgan Hall. \$6 per person \$18 max per family (children 7 and under free). Sign up with Bev Ford during Coffee Fellowship.

**25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OUTDOOR LIVING NATIVITY,** December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 -8:00 p.m. On the Church Lawn, (inside if it rains) with music, carols and a donkey. Reception following in Morgan Hall. Rehearsal for OLN Saturday, December 17, 8:00a.m., dress rehearsal Tuesday, December 20, 5:00p.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE,** Saturday, December 24, 7p.m. "The Child That Led Them."

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE TUESDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>.**

**PRAYER PARTNERS** is a new opportunity for adults in our church family to be a prayer partner and to make a difference in the life and faith of a teenage youth. Prayer partners pray for each other, greet and encourage each other, grow in friendship and attend occasional prayer partner church events. The Youth Ministries Team is hoping that every 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grader will have a prayer partner. Flyers with sign up forms are available in the narthex and church office, or contact Sandy Thoits. **PRAYER PARTNER MEET "N" GREET,** January 8, 8:30AM before worship, in Morgan Hall, a first gathering of adult and youth prayer partners. Refreshments provided.

### In Memory of:

Ruby Frenchick,

Bob Frenchick, Sr.,

Bob Frenchick, Jr.

Tommie & Ross Gilmour,

Elaine Giffen, mother,

Parents, Harvey & Helen Rudolph

Our parents,

Bert & Belva Chamberlain,

C.V. & Mildred Lenche

Thomas Vickers, our son

David Mastrangelo -

In my heart forever

Ed Bowers & Jack Andersen

Ocea Allbright,

Dorothy Klassert

Norma Jean Walters

Dorothea Brunn,

Roy Overton

Deborah Bohn Goetz

Wesley Bohn

Doug Willsie, husband

Walton Ross

Ted Johnson

Jim Mann

Rod Crow

Ed & Esther Kerry

Husband, Shad Monk,

Parents Dave & Dorothy Abraham

### Given by:

Marie Sue Parsons

Mary & Jim Gilmour

William & Joan Oakley

Nevin & Nina Chamberlain

Don & Sara Vickers

Nancy Russo

John & Ariel Bowers

Carolyn & Robert Allbright

Fred & Bev Walters

Saundra Painter

Joan & Dave Bohn

Caroline Willsie

Shirley Ross

Betty Johnson

Cree Mann

Lily Crow & the Lefley

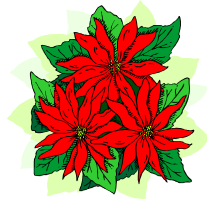
Family

Mona Wise

Dana Monk

In Memory of:

My sister, Gwen Williams  
 Stephen Boyle & James Giusto  
 Wilbert & Adrianna Lemkuil,  
 Martin Damron  
 Herb Spencer & Chuck Gilbreth  
 Beloved father & grandfather,  
 Peter Cary  
 Harold & Mildred Berg  
 Our parents and our brothers  
 Dearest Jeanette  
 Bob & Elva Wightman -  
 parents & grandparents,  
 Bob Grimmesey -  
 father & grandfather  
 Rae Miesbauer



In Honor of:

Cora & Gordon Specht  
 The Christ Child  
 Our children & grandchildren -  
 Bernie, Judy, Erica, Jessica,  
 & Hallie  
 Dorothy Ault, my mother  
 Suzanne Malloy  
 Tavia Damron  
 Granddaughter Kayla Ann  
 Malengo, born August 14, 2011

Given by:

Bev Ford  
 Marjorie Boyle  
 Bud & Peggy Sue Lemkuil  
 Porter Spencer  
 Pam, George, Harry & Grace  
 Cary  
 Susan Berg Arnold  
 Dick & Ann Zylstra  
 Paul  
 Elaine Grimmesey,  
 Suzanne, Robert &  
 families  
 Bob Miesbauer

Given by:

Mary & Jim Gilmour  
 Harold & Enid Englund  
 Nina & Nevin Chamberlain  
 Caroline Willsie  
 Dana Monk  
 Bud & Peggy Sue Lemkuil  
 Frank & Linda Gunther

**OFFERINGS OF PRAYER**

**Joys and Concerns from last Sunday's Worship Service**

**Please note** - On Sundays, joys and concerns may be written down on the forms provided in the sanctuary lobby. They will be displayed on the screens during the prayer time. Prayers may also be submitted by email to [standrewsprayers@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsprayers@gmail.com) by 7:00 pm each Saturday. Please indicate in your email whether we can share your joys and concerns with the congregation by email and on the church website.

***Concerns***

<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>For</u></b>	<b><u>Concern</u></b>
Ann Padden-Ruben	Ryan	Fighting bone cancer
Congregation	Lisa DeBoer	Recovering from back surgery
Lisa Zamora		Prayers for final court day (1-4-12)

***Joys***

<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>For</u></b>	<b><u>Joy</u></b>
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**Ongoing Prayer Requests**

*Those who have been ill or injured:* Rick Lee  
*Please let us know of changes we should make in the Prayer List.*

*Those in convalescent care:*

Abundant Care II: Leora Phillips; Cliff View Terrace: Aaron Case;  
 Goleta Cottage: Liz McNeil; Mission Terrace: Aaron Case and  
 Eleanor Vos; Samarkand Health Center: Jane Hewitt; Vista Del  
 Monte Health Center: Margaret Blake

*Presbytery Prayer Concern:* Congregation and staff at Goleta Presbyterian Church, Pastor Deborah Kehle, Commissioned Lay Pastor Jeannie Cavender, minister member at large Steve Jacobsen, retired minister Warren Studer