

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ The Call to Worship is paraphrased from Rev. Jan DeVries, General Presbyter, Grace Presbytery.

✦ The Bible Study "The Battle Plan for Prayer" continues at 7:00 pm, Tuesday evenings. Dec. 5, 2017 Session 3: Types of Prayer- Led by Bonnie & Gene Haskins

✦ Can't go to Haiti? Well you can still help by purchasing a light backpack or buying a notebook, pens and / or pencils. Our goal is to have 100 backpacks and enough notebooks, pens and pencils to fill each backpack. Our partner church PCCT in New Jersey will be bringing 100 hygiene kits that we plan to distribute along with the items we are collecting. Hope everyone can help. Mesi. (Thanks in Creole)

✦ Trinity Café 2: In light of the fluctuating levels of volunteerism, you are encouraged to sign up on the days when you're most needed. Periodically visit the Trinity Café website at <https://trinitycafe.org/>. Click on "Volunteer | Volunteer Calendar — Busch". There you'll see the number already signed up. If fewer than 12, please sign up. If more than 20, sign up if that's the only opportunity you have to serve. Of course, if you prefer to serve with a St Andrew group, sign up for a first Tuesday or third Thursday.

✦ Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is actively helping those who are suffering the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey (South Texas), Irma (Florida), and Maria (Puerto Rico). Please make your check to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church with the memo PDA. Thank you!

✦ In the aftermath of the hurricanes and as the holidays approach, please be aware that there are many opportunities daily, and volunteers are always needed. If you desire to volunteer as an Individual, please use their website [http:// feedingtampabay.org/](http://feedingtampabay.org/) to sign up for a slot in either the warehouse or at a mobile pantry site.

Celebration Fund

2016 Contributions \$ 5,476.00
2017 Contributions \$3,873.00
Total Contributions \$9,349.00

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St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Glorify God. Enjoy God. Live Christ's Love



First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017



🕒 Indicates that you may stand if desired

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WE GATHER BEFORE GOD IN HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Welcome and Announcements *Ruling Elder Frank Weaver*

Lighting the First Advent Candle *Bob and Phyllis Keith*

As we enter Advent, we remember that hope is a gift and an attitude:

Hope frames expectation.

Hope welcomes gratitude.

Hope advocates for possibility.

Hope unfolds the future.

Hope grounds our prayer life for this season.

“Our heart is glad in God, because we trust in His holy name.

Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.”

Psalm 33:21-22

🕒 Gathering Song “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Presbyterian Hymnal #2

Please come forward and place a Crismon on the tree during the hymn.

WITH HOPE IN CHRIST, WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Ruling Elder Phyllis Keith

“And now, O Lord, what do we wait for? Our hope is in You. Deliver us from all our sins.” Let us come before God in humility and with honesty as we confess our sin. Let us pray. *Psalm 39:7-8a*

Unison Confession of Sin

Ruling Elder Phyllis Keith

Holy God, we confess that we are sinners in need of Your redeeming. We seek Your peace in these darkening days. We seek a calm within, because the peoples and the nations are in conflict. We seek Your shalom –the deep and abiding peace that will come only through the advent of Your Kingdom.

~Silence for personal confession~

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Assurance of Pardon

Ruling Elder Phyllis Keith

This Advent, we hope for joy as we journey together.

We hope for sight for the blind and healing for the sick,

Good news for the poor and release for the oppressed.

And justice for all and love for each other—this is the Gospel.

We wait with hopeful expectation because God is true to His promises in Jesus Christ. In the Messiah our sin is forgiven. Amen.

Response

“Change My Heart, O God”

Sing the Faith # 2152

HOPE IN CHRIST

Time with Young Disciples and the Call to Offering

The children will collect the 5-cents-a-meal offering today

We Share Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

🕒 Doxology

🕒 Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Laurie Palmer

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:57-68, 76-80

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, “No; he is to be called John.” They said to her, “None of your relatives has this name.” Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And all of them were amazed.

Immediately Zechariah’s mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, “What then will this child become?” For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Then Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for He has looked favorably on His people and redeemed them....

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways,

to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Sermon

“What's In A Name?”

Rev. Laurie Palmer

THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

(located on the back of the announcements sheet)

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Communion will be passed to you in your chairs today.

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Presbyterian Hymnal #5

The Lord’s Prayer

Ruling Elder Phyllis Keith

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE GO TO SHARE GOD’S HOPE IN THE WORLD

🕒 Sending Song **“Soon and Very Soon”**

🕒 Benediction

🕒 Postlude