

First Sunday of Christmas

GATHERING

Please silence all electronic devices and prepare for worship.

PRELUDE *Violin Concerto in b minor* [Saint-Saëns]
Third movement

Maria Kiesewetter, violin; Elaine Koga, piano

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY Pastor McEachran

HYMN *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* ELW Hymn 270

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

APOSTOLIC GREETING

A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(congregation is seated)

A TIME FOR LITTLE DISCIPLES 2018 Pastor McEachran

WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 61:10--62:3

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 150 *(spoken responsively: A Assisting Minister; C Congregation)*

SECOND LESSON Galatians 4:4-7

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(congregation stands)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *On Christmas Night* ELW Hymn 274

Stanza 1

P The Good News of Jesus according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Luke 2:25-40

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

C Congregation
A Assisting Minister
P Pastor

Today's Theme

We have waited for the Lord with patience and trust that God will keep the promise of old. Now we share the good news that Jesus is with us forever. In times of change, we trust the same God upon whom Simeon and Anna had placed their faith.

SERMON

Mission Forward

Pastor McEachran

HYMN OF THE DAY *Angels We Have Heard on High* ELW Hymn 289

NICENE CREED

A We confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you. *(shared in community)*

OFFERING

Rondo Capriccioso

[Saint-Saëns]

Anna Kiesewetter, violin; Elaine Koga, piano

(congregation stands)

OFFERTORY VERSE *Praise and Thanksgiving*
Stanzas 1 and 4

ELW Hymn 689

OFFERTORY PRAYER



GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

(congregation is seated)

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly ELW Hymn 276
O Little Town of Bethlehem ELW Hymn 279

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
strengthen and keep you in God's loving grace, now and forever.
C Amen.


POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Love Has Come ELW Hymn 292

PRAYER



BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on
you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and
give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of
the Holy Spirit. *Numbers 6:24-26*
C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Loves Me! ELW Hymn 595

POSTLUDE


Ding Dong Merrily On High [arr. LeDoux]

P A R T I C I P A N T S



Presiding Minister Pastor James N. McEachran
Pianist/Organist Elaine Koga
Assisting Ministers Karen Grams
Communion Assistants Jan Bowerman
Acolyte Sonja Wetmore
Altar Guild Ruth Miller, Karen Grams
Greeter Janan Twito
Lector Judi Miller
Ushers George Miller, Joan Tweten

W E L C O M E





TODAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S

-  **WORSHIP SERVICE CAPTIONING:** Today, real-time captioning of the worship service is available, making our worship service accessible to those who are hard-of-hearing. You can use your smartphone or tablet to access the captioning (the Sanctuary has a WiFi connection.) Go to: <https://captionsunlimited.1capapp.com/event/standrews/> (If you see a login page, the captioning is not yet active. Refresh your browser near the beginning of the worship service.) The website displays real-time captions of what is being spoken in the service, similar to closed captioning on television.

YEAR-END AT SAINT ANDREW'S

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| <p>  END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS: To be counted for 2017, contributions need to be dated December 31 or earlier. They need to be received no later than TODAY, December 31. </p> | <p>  OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 1:
 Please note that the church office will be closed tomorrow, January 1, for the New Year's Day holiday. </p> |
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NEXT SUNDAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S

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| <p>  WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Next Sunday, January 7, we return to our schedule of two worship services, at 8:30 am and 11:00 am. Discipleship Hour classes meet at 9:45 am. </p> <p>  NAME TAGS: The first Sunday of the month is the time to wear name tags. This is a wonderful way to get acquainted and greet those around you. </p> <p>  BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK: Come to 210/ Nursery between 9:30 am and 10:30 am. Health care professionals from Health and Wholeness Ministry will take your blood pressure and discuss concerns. If you have any questions regarding your blood pressure, we are there for you. </p> | <p>  WORSHIP SERVICE CAPTIONING: Next Sunday, real-time captioning of the 11:00 am worship service is available, making our worship service accessible to those who are hard-of-hearing or cannot be at church. You can use your smartphone, PC, or tablet to access the captioning (the Sanctuary has a WiFi connection.) Go to: https://captionsunlimited.1capapp.com/event/standrews/ (If you see a login page, the captioning is not yet active. Refresh your browser near the beginning of the worship service.) The website displays real-time captions of what is being spoken in the service, similar to closed captioning on television. </p> |
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Pathways to Renewal

“Pathways to Renewal” is our 2017-2018 theme that serves to ground our mission forward in discipleship, ministry and planned initiatives, including a future capital campaign that will inform our commitment to a building remodel project.

Discipleship:

There is opportunity for engagement with committees, groups and the mission of this church and investment in Christ’s work. This engagement is what stewardship and discipleship are all about. The Discipleship Ministries Committee includes Joyce Kasper (Chair), Emily Harrow (Director of Discipleship Ministries), Marshall Erling (Council Liaison), Emily Andresen (Youth Council Representative), Beth Donahoe, Stephanie Lester, Sonja Feldman, Jessica Allen, Janan Twito, and Mary Davis.

Ministry:

Your Congregation Council is moving forward in their review and consideration of the Joshua Group report (Joshua Process), recommendations, and corresponding “travel plan” that details suggested next steps toward pastoral transition, vision development and leadership refinement. The Council is completing some initial groundwork in December, and then will meet twice in January, first, to commit to, decline and/or revise recommendations, and second, to take action on various recommendations and travel plan waypoints, in advance of the Annual Meeting on January 28.

Building:

Congregation leadership is informing and educating the congregation on our proposed building remodel. Room 212 has become the “Pathways Hub”, an information center and a place for conversation, questions, and insights. There are display boards with drawings from VIA Architecture and copies of feedback provided by the congregation and staff in 2015. Members of the Building Remodel Team are in the Pathways Hub on Sunday mornings and look forward to talking with you. There are also forms available to provide written feedback. The building remodel team includes Lucy Sannes (Chair), Guy Feldman, Judy Gowdy, Dick Lee, Stephanie Lester, Pastor McEachran, John Nelson, and Dick Swaisgood.

We’re excited about this new theme in discipleship, ministry and foundation building and how Christ will guide us on our “Pathways to Renewal” in Him.

Questions can be directed to Congregation Council President Scott Lester.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...SUNDAYS

☞ EARLY MORNING SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Paul’s First Letter to TIMOTHY

Sundays, **January 7, January 14, January 21, January 28, February 25, March 4, March 11**
7:15 am, 322/Conference Room

Facilitators: Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen

Come, consider Paul’s practical (and sometimes controversial) advice to Timothy, a church leader in Ephesus. As Paul nears the end of his life, it’s a time of transition for training new leadership in the Church. Likewise, let us be encouraged, equipped, and challenged to use our gifts for the building up of God’s kingdom in 2018!! Coffee and snacks will be provided. You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...SUNDAYS AT 9:45 AM

Discipleship Hour at 9:45 am offers classes for age 2 through adult!

Please note that there are no classes today, **December 31**.

- ☞ **SUNDAY OFFERING:** Last year the students of Saint Andrew's voted to have their Sunday offerings go to support Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Their offerings continue to support LWR with the funds being designated for Bihar, India. Parents, please help your children remember to bring an offering each Sunday for collection during Discipleship Hour. The class with the highest participation will be rewarded with Krispy Kreme donuts each quarter!
- ☞ **SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL (SCS)** classes welcome children age 2 through grade 5. All classes are downstairs in South Hall. The SCS office is located on the lower level near the Narthex stairs. Students who are new to our congregation are asked to come to the SCS office to register and be welcomed to your class.
- ☞ **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION (ABC)** classes are geared toward youth in grades 6-8. "Luther's Small Catechism" meets in Room 119; "People of Faith" meets in Room 121; and "New Testament Survey" is in Room 122. Those students new to our congregation are asked to contact Director of Discipleship Ministries Emily Harrow or Pastor McEachran for more information.
- ☞ **CROSSWALK** is focused on high school age youth, grades 9-12. Got questions? Join us each Sunday for coffee, cocoa, donuts, and conversation. On the last Sunday of each month, gather in the youth room for Oasis, a time for our high school students to rest, color, and enjoy a movie.

☞ **January 7**

BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS

Facilitator: Sherry Grindeland
301/Fellowship Hall

We will celebrate Epiphany the first Sunday in January with a baby shower for Jesus. Early Christians believed the Three Wise Men visited Mary, Joseph, and Jesus on Epiphany. (That's also the basis of the traditional 12 Days of Christmas that begin on December 25 and end on Epiphany.) What do you bring to a Jesus baby shower if you're all out of gold, frankincense and myrrh? Practical things for infants (new only, please) that will go to Eastside Baby Corner (EBC) for needy and underserved families.

Items needed include: **blanket sleepers, onesies, baby food, diapers (newborn sizes, No. 5's, and pull-ups particularly needed), boy's infant clothes (sizes 0-9 months), bibs, baby bath towels and nursing pads.**

A speaker from Eastside Baby Corner will share information about EBC during the party.

☞ **January 7**

STEPPING INTO ADULTHOOD

(Faith Stepping Stones for Parents of High School Seniors)

Facilitators: Lois Nelson, Kari Henderson
 We look forward to meeting with our parents of seniors to talk about the next steps for their children as they get ready for life after high school. High school seniors are blessed and presented with a quilt/gift from their family on **June 10** during the 9:30 am worship service.

☞ **January 14 and 21**

BUDGET 2018

Facilitators: Congregation Treasurer Joni Barrott, Finance Committee, Outreach and Servant Ministries Committee
301/Fellowship Hall

We're devoting two discipleship hours for discussion about the 2018 budget. On January 14, join us for conversations with your Treasurer, Joni Barrott, and members of the Outreach and Servant Ministries Committee to learn about planned opportunities for our outreach ministries in 2018. The following Sunday, January 21, Joni and the Finance Committee members will be open to any general questions about the budget, our current fund, and reserve funds.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...DURING THE WEEK

☞ **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Presenter: Pastor McEachran

Every Tuesday, 10:00 am, 322/Conference Room

We continue our study of John 13-17, "*Jesus and His Own*," the Upper Room teachings found only in John's Gospel. Here is the schedule and readings:

- **January 2** --No Class
- **January 9, 16** "Jesus and His People." The Second Teaching: John 15:1-16:4a
- **January 23, 30** "Joy Out of Sorrow." The Third Teaching: John 16:4b-33
- **February 6, 13** "Jesus' Prayer." John 17:1-26

We will conclude with tips on a life in Christ which faces every storm in every time. Invite a friend!

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...YOUTH

* **SHEEP AND SHEPHERDS** (families with youth age birth through grade 5):

- **Little Lambs Fellowship:** *Parents of children under two*, please join us Sunday, **January 14**, in 210/Nursery for fellowship. The youngest Sheep and Shepherds families are invited for snacks and coffee, visiting, and play time. We meet once each month, usually on the second Sunday.

* **GOD SQUAD** (youth in grades 9-12):

- **Holden Village:** We are headed back to Holden Village next spring, **May 18-20, 2018**, for an unplugged weekend of fun and fellowship. Sign up in the Narthex by **January 14**.
- **Summer 2018 Mission Trip:** In Summer 2018 (**July 21-28**) we will serve the Blackfeet Nation in Montana (with YouthWorks.) We'll learn about the Blackfeet Nation and work with them to serve in their community. Information packets are available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. To participate, complete a commitment form by **January 14**, and return it to the church office. The first team meeting is Sunday, **January 14**, at 12:15 pm.

OUTREACH AND SERVANT MINISTRIES

♥ **SOCKS AND HATS:** Dorcas Circle is collecting NEW socks and warm knit hats for Compass Housing Alliance. Your donations of NEW tube socks, crew socks, and warm knit hats can be placed in the "Sox Box" or the Dorcas Circle basket in the Narthex. Contact Linda Willenberg with questions.

♥ **CORNER OF BLESSING/HOPELINK:** Each month, we collect food in the Corner of Blessing. All donations are given to Hopelink and help feed those in our community who are hungry. In **January**, we are collecting **cooking (vegetable) oil**, 24–32 ounce size. This is an item that Hopelink really needs, but rarely gets donated. For more information, contact Debbie Szabo.

♥ **SCHOLARSHIP NEEDS FOR STUDENTS IN TANZANIA:** Scholarships are needed for 35 new Form One students at MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS), an increase of 10 students from previous years due to current needs. We continue to also need funding for the MGLSS Post-Secondary Scholarship fund, used for the students who qualified for university study. **ANY AMOUNT** given is helpful. Make contributions by check to "Saint Andrew's" with "MGLSS or MGLSS Post-Secondary Scholarship" in the memo line. Funds will be forwarded to Operation Bootstrap Africa (OBA).

♥ **ITEMS NEEDED FOR PLASTER HOUSE IN TANZANIA:** The Plaster House is a rehabilitation center in Tanzania for post-surgery children, usually in casts (hence the term “Plaster House”). For reasons of health and nutrition, many children cannot rehab successfully in their villages/homes while in casts. They need to stay at the center; the average stay being four weeks. Marvin Kananen and Jean Wahlstrom will travel to Tanzania in 2018 for a Plaster House board meeting and to celebrate the opening of the new dormitory and volunteer house. They would like to take 150 pounds of needed items for children age 3-15 to the Plaster House. Donations of the following can be placed in the basket in the Narthex.

- coloring books (no crayons)
- small toys (animals, cars, dinosaurs, etc.)
- pencils
- scissors
- underwear (non-white)
- metric rulers
- socks (non-white)
- Cash/check donations, payable to “Saint Andrew’s” and designated for Plaster House)

To learn more about the Plaster House, visit www.theplasterhouse.org.

♥ **COLLECTIONS:** Dorcas Circle, Health and Wholeness Ministry, and Outreach and Servant Ministries welcome your contributions for Lutheran World Relief, Compass Housing Alliance, Congregations for the Homeless, and The Sophia Way. Lists of needed items are in the baskets near the elevator in the Narthex. Donations can be placed in the same baskets.

PROJECT BIHAR / LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



Lutheran World Relief

Bihar is a global mission multi-year outreach which engages us in significant outreach in Northeastern India, as part of a sponsored mission through Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and in collaboration with other churches. The goals of this mission are agricultural improvements, year-round food security for the family, empowering women in the community, and increasing incomes for families. This matches the core values of our Outreach and Servant Ministries: homelessness, food security, and education. Saint Andrew’s has formed a Project Bihar/LWR Working Group that has defined three major components in our mission: **communication, engagement, and giving.**

- **Project Bihar Bookmarks:** Our Working Group has created Project Bihar Prayer Bookmarks to communicate and engage congregants about seven of the Project Bihar families. You will notice that these Project Bihar Prayer bookmarks are in your hymnals. You are free to use them in the hymnals or you can take them home and pray for the highlighted family and their community. The bookmarks can be used as an educational tool about different cultures and lifestyles. Use these to facilitate discussions on how families are the same and/or different. If you take a bookmark home, put it in a place where you will be reminded of the family to pray for them. During prayer at church as you use the bookmark in the hymnal include them in your silent prayers. Thank you for praying and blessing each of these Bihar, India families.

- Thank you to those who have contributed \$3537 this year to Bihar in above-and-beyond regular giving. We welcome donations (please note “Bihar-LWR” on contributions.)
- The Project Bihar/LWR Working Group is actively planning next steps. If you would like to be involved or would like more information, contact Marlyn Thorpe.

Remember in prayer this continuing outreach ministry.

The best source of updated information is at www.lwr.org/bihar



SAINT ANDREW'S OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ **DORCAS CIRCLE:** The Dorcas Circle meets in 302/Fellowship Hall South this Tuesday, **January 2**, at 9:30 am. New people are always welcome to join as we sew quilts, school bags, and complete other projects in response to those in need. We also welcome donations of fabric, sheets, crochet or embroidery thread, quilt batting, sewing supplies, and blankets.

✠ **WOMEN'S EVENING BOOK STUDY (W.E.B.S.)**

Facilitator: Cheryl Jurrus

Wednesdays, **January 3 - February 7**, 7:00 pm
322/Conference Room

Do you want to learn more about India? We will discuss marriage, society, women's roles, cuisine, and other issues depicted by the author in the book selection for Winter Session for WEBS. Now is the time to get your copy of *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar (available on Amazon for \$10). Join us for a lively discussion, prayer, sharing, laughter, and maybe some service projects! We hope to include an Indian meal and a special speaker. All women are welcome. Bring a friend!

✠ **HOLDEN VILLAGE GATHERING (JULY 15-20) UPDATE:** For those signed up to go to Holden Village in July, please turn in your deposit by Wednesday, **January 3**. The deposit is \$65 per person in your party (one night's stay). If you didn't sign up and still want to join the Saint Andrew's group, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529, to be added to the waiting list.

✠ **ALTAR GUILD**

Sunday, **January 7**, 9:45 am,
322/Conference Room

Looking for a way to volunteer? The Altar Guild is welcoming new members! We are responsible for preparing the altar for communion. This entails about an hour of set up on Saturday, another half an hour between services on Sunday, and an hour of clean up after the second service. We always work with a partner, so it's a great way to get to know other church members. It's an honor to set the Lord's Table. Join us for our next meeting, between services on Sunday, **January 7**, or contact Karin Eklof or JoAn Eklof with questions. Thanks! .

✠ **YOUNG ADULTS** (those who have graduated high school and older): Young adults of Saint Andrew's get together for dinner on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 pm. Our next dinner is Wednesday, **January 10**. Contact Carolyn McKenna by Monday, **January 8**, if you would like to join us.

✠ **KNITWITS (Knitting as Witnesses)**

Sunday, **January 14**, 9:45 am,
322/Conference Room

The KnitWits are a fellowship group whose primary mission is to provide items of comfort that are knit or crocheted. All are welcome to join us anytime! Contact Dianne Chong for more information.

✠ **CONSIDERING JOINING SAINT**

ANDREW'S? We will receive members on Sunday, **January 28**. Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529, if you are interested in joining our Saint Andrew's family or would like more information.

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- ✠ **ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING:** The Annual Congregation Meeting will be on Sunday, **January 28**. At the meeting, we will elect people to four 3-year Congregation Council positions, one 2-year position, and one 1-year position, approve a 2018 budget, recognize Quiet Servants, and hear updates about ministry and mission. A quorum is needed and every voice and vote counts! Please plan to attend.
- ✠ **TUESDAY MORNING MEN**
Facilitator: Dave Marcander
Every Tuesday, 6:30 am, Room 212
All Saint Andrew's Men (SAM) are welcome for study, faith growth, prayer, and conversation. We are studying Galatians using a commentary written by Martin Luther. It is a blessing to share this time together in learning and fellowship - please join us!
- ✠ **SMALL GROUPS:** Small groups meet once a month for fellowship and conversation. We enjoy getting to know one another by sharing conversation, some God talk and dessert. Groups meet on Friday night or Sunday night monthly from **through May** in someone's home. If you would like to be a part of a small group, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529. Indicate which night works best for you.
- ✠ **SAINT ANDREW'S AMBASSADORS:**
As part of the new Emergency Operations Plan, Saint Andrew's will implement a new Sunday Server position: *Ambassador*. The job description is to keep a watchful presence in the Narthex during services. You may direct people to the restroom, answer questions about our Ministry offerings, or push a button to trigger a Lockdown and call 911 as the situation dictates. To sign up to be an Ambassador, contact Facilities Manager Kurt Lutterman, kurt@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.
- ✠ **WREATH BOWLS:** If you made an Advent wreath at the Advent Fair, please return the bowl to Sherry Grindeland in the church office. We reuse the bowls each year.
- ✠ **2018 PLEDGES:** Knowing pledged giving is very helpful as we complete our financial planning for next year. Thank you to all who have returned your pledge cards for 2018. Please remember to fill out a pledge card and/or contact Russ Stark, russ@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529. You can also submit your pledge online at stewardship.SALChome.org. Your financial support of Saint Andrew's is core to enabling our mission and ministries, and each of our gifts are important in God's eyes. If you have any questions about pledging, please do not hesitate to ask any member of the Finance Committee or Russ Stark.



For Sunday, January 7: Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Servers for January 7

Presiding Minister: Pastor James McEachran

Assisting Ministers:

(I) Dana Nasby (II) Shana Nielsen

Communion Assistants:

(I) Diane Hogle (II) Celeste Ackerbloom

Acolytes:

(I) Ian Maland (II) Ella Nickel

Altar Guild:

Mary Jo Nelson, Carolyn Haralson

Greeters:

(I) Marlys Aliment (II) Jan Benson

Lectors:

(I) Diane Hogle (II) Joni Barrott

Ushers:

(I) Tom and Bev Anderson

(II) Brent Hicks, Alex Nichols-Hicks

Coffee Host:

Mark Davis