



# Second Sunday after Christmas

January 3, 2016

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

### CHIMING THE HOUR

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT .....Megan Baines

*(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †*

PRELUDE.....Brian Doerksen

*O Worship the King (with/Come, Now is the Time to Worship)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Charles Kelly

Leader: True light is entering our world through Jesus Christ.  
Sing for joy and praise God, all people.

PEOPLE: **GOD'S WORD MAKES THE WINDS BLOW AND WATER FLOW.  
JESUS CHRIST IS GOD'S WORD TO US AND FOR US.**

Leader: Receive the Word, and believe the good news.  
Know you are children of God, born of the Spirit.

PEOPLE: **THE WORD BECAME FLESH TO DWELL WITH HUMANITY.  
GRACE AND FORGIVENESS ARE LAVISHED UPON US.**

Leader: Be radiant in appreciation of God's goodness.  
Hear the Word of God and declare it to others.

UNISON: **IN CHRIST, WE HAVE OBTAINED AN INHERITANCE.  
SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS ARE ABUNDANTLY AVAILABLE TO US.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST .....Ivy Kelly

\*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 65

*A Mighty Fortress*

### \*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

From near and far, we come to worship. Amid our joys and sorrows, we come to praise. In our strength and in our weakness, we gather for refreshment and renewal. You have called us together like a shepherd keeps a flock. As a gardener waters growing plants, You care for us and provide for our growth. Praise be to You, O God, for Your protecting love and freeing grace. Shine upon us here that we may know Your truth and receive it into our lives. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "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. 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.

\*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35

*Glory Be to the Father*

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg. 949).....Ephesians 1:3-14

### ANTHEM

SECOND READING (pg. 862).....John 1:1-18

MESSAGE.....Rev. Mark E. Poindexter

### SILENT MEDITATION

### MORNING PRAYER

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Your goodness, O God, has satisfied us with abundance beyond our deserving. The return on Your investment in us is not adequate to express our thanks. Use our lives as channels of Your grace. May our individual efforts and the combined outreach we can accomplish together turn mourning into joy and hopelessness into purposeful living. In Jesus' name. Amen.

GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528

*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

### COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 408

*Come, Share the Lord*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Lois Pyles

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Bob Nutting

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS *Nearer My God to Thee*

*The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 518**

*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

*During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\*POSTLUDE.....Jack Hayford**

*Majesty*

**‡** Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
Youth remain in church

**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Mary Cornwell, Allen Wallace, Wendy White, Charles Kelly



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.  
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence  
in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*



***The Welcome Loaf***

*We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.*



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