



First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

PRELUDE.....French Carol

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE.....Rick & Rosemary Lahy

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....CH. 128 (vs. 1)

One Candle is Lit

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Charles Kelly

Leader: Awaken to a season of anticipation.
God is offering peace within and among us.

PEOPLE: **HOW GOOD IT IS TO GATHER IN GOD'S HOUSE!
GOD DRAWS US TOGETHER FOR THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.**

Leader: God calls us to celebrate our diversity.
Differences shall no longer divide us.

PEOPLE: **WE WANT TO SEE ONE ANOTHER THROUGH GOD'S EYES.
WE WILL LOOK FOR THE GOOD IN OUR NEIGHBORS.**

Leader: Seek the highest and best for each other.
Come to the mountain of God's love.

UNISON: **WE WILL FOLLOW IN THE PATHS WHERE GOD LEADS.
OUR EARS ARE OPEN TO HEAR GOD'S INSTRUCTION.**

*ADVENT CAROL.....CH. 142

People, Look East

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

You have wakened us from sleep and led us to this place, wondrous God. Now let us feel Your presence with us as we encounter Your Word. Surely, You have blessed us. You have drawn us together and bound us firmly to one another. We give You thanks for giving us an identity as relatives and friends through Jesus Christ. In this season, we remember Your unexpected appearance among us in the birth of a child. You make yourself known to us again and again. May we know you now. We ask these in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, "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. 498).....Psalm 122

ANTHEM.....Robert Lau

Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?

SECOND READING (pg. 550).....Isaiah 2:1-5

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

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Lewis H. Redner

O Little Town of Bethlehem

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank You God, for this privilege of sharing Your bounty with those in need. Thank You for prospering our work and witness. We seek to walk in Your light and follow the pathways where You lead. We want to share the good news of salvation through these gifts and by the way we live. May all Your people be made ready for Christ's coming. Amen.

GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 119

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Tom Larson

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Kathryn Bean

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Phil Perkins

In the Bleak Midwinter/Away in a Manger

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. 125**

Come, O Long-expected Jesus

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.....Traditional Melody**

The Peaceful Realm

‡ Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder Game Sunday in LIVE BIG!

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Mary Peris, Emily Vinson, Jimmy Jarvis, Mary Bond



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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