



# Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*(Children ages 3 yrs. - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †*

PRELUDE.....Louis Bourgeois

*The Coming of God*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE.....Uwe & Andrea Scharf

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....CH. 128 (vs. 2)

*One Candle is Lit*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Kayleigh McNelis

Leader: Rejoice together, people of God.  
Let all the earth praise our Creator.

PEOPLE: **WE HAVE GATHERED TO HONOR OUR GOD.  
IN AWE AND REVERENCE, WE SEEK GOD'S WORD.**

Leader: Welcome one another as Christ's presence.  
Let each other know of Christ's presence.

PEOPLE: **SURELY, CHRIST HAS COME TO CHANGE US.  
CHRIST IS COMING STILL TO REDIRECT US.**

Leader: This is a time to take delight in the Spirit.  
This is the hour to seek knowledge and counsel.

UNISON: **WE ARE READY TO LEARN WHAT THE SPIRIT TEACHES.  
WE ARE AWAKENING TO THE SPIRIT'S GIFTS.**

\*ADVENT CAROL.....CH. 160

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Come, Spirit of God, to rest on our community, embracing the poor, bringing equity to the meek, turning away all expressions of evil. Come into this congregation to enliven our worship, to immerse us in righteousness, to prompt our faithfulness. Rain on us Your hope and joy and peace, filling the whole earth with Your glory. We ask these 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. 558).....Isaiah 11:1-10

ANTHEM.....Kathy Powell

*So Tender the Shoot*

SECOND READING (pg. 923).....Romans 15:4-13

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

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Bob McGee

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

What a joy to give! What a delight to join our efforts to Your purpose, amazing God! You inspire us to oppose wickedness, to stand up for the oppressed, to work for harmony among all Your children. Lead us, together, to Your holy mountain, where all are valued and no one is excluded. May our offerings spread the knowledge of Your ways across this earth, widening the circle of inclusion to embrace all Your children, in Jesus' name. Amen.

GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528

*Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart*

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 140

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Leo Gibbs

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....>>>.....Lois Pyles

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Stephen Reinhardt

*Lula Lulay*

*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. 143**

***Joy to the World***

*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.....Psalmodia Evangelica**

***Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates***

**‡** Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder Game Sunday in LIVE BIG!

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

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Sharon Jenson, Zach Lowman, Shannon Houck, DeMarea Colson



*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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