



Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 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.....Plainsong

Creator of the Stars of Night

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE.....Bubba & Sharon Jenson

BAPTISM of *Rylan Schafer*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....CH. 128 (vs. 3)

One Candle is Lit

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Lauren Terry

Leader: Come away from haste and frantic busyness.
This is the season for quiet waiting.

PEOPLE: **IT IS HARD TO STILL OUR SOULS WHEN WE ARE SO BUSY.
IT IS HARD TO BE PATIENT WITH OURSELVES OR OTHERS.**

Leader: Receive God's mercy and strengthen your hearts.
A Savior is coming; God's love is near.

PEOPLE: **WE WANT TO HEAR AND BELIEVE GOD'S PROMISES.
WE WANT TO BECOME PATIENT, LOVING SEEKERS.**

Leader: God presents us with a high and holy way.
Come before God now with praise and singing.

UNISON: **WE SENSE THE JOY GOD OFFERS TO US.
OUR SPIRITS REJOICE IN GOD OUR SAVIOR.**

*ADVENT CAROL.....CH. 149

Angels From the Realms of Glory

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Mighty One, we rejoice that You strengthen our weak hands and make firm our feeble knees. You open our eyes and unstop our ears. You meet our hungers with good things. You disturb our false pride while helping us discover our true strength. You topple us from our pretensions while lifting up the lowly to claim the inner power You alone can provide. We have assembled to worship You. Awaken the gladness that comes when we recognize Your presence. We long to know You in this hour. 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. 832).....Luke 1:47-55

ANTHEM.....Lewis M. Kirby, Jr.

Gentle Mary

SECOND READING (pg. 792).....Matthew 11:2-11

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

SILENT MEDITATION

A PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Jason Ingram

He Has Come For Us

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Majestic God, Thank You for inviting us to share the blessings You pour out on us. We want to extend the healing ministry of Jesus who gave sight to those who were blind and new insight to some who only pretend to see. Use our resources to heal attitudes as well as bodies, to bring wholeness, not just cures. Help us to address the inequities of the earth that leave so many without food or shelter or hope. Lead us into Your realm in the midst of our daily living. Amen.

GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 151 (vs. 1, 2, 3)

The First Noel

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Leo Gibbs

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Steve Gray

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Mark Lowry

Mary Did You Know

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. 148 (vs. 1, 2, 4)**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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.....Wyeth**

Song of Mary

‡ Children Preschool – 2nd 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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