

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. – 2^{nd} grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) \mathbf{f} **PRELUDE**......Plainsong Creator of the Stars of Night LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLEBubba & Sharon Jenson BAPTISM of Rylan Schafer One Candle is Lit *CALL TO WORSHIP.....Lauren Terry Come away from haste and frantic busyness. Leader: 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. WE SENSE THE JOY GOD OFFERS TO US. UNISON: **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 TOGET	HER AT THE LORD'S TABLE
INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP	
OFFERTORY	Jason Ingram
He Has Com	e For Us
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	
Majestic God, Thank You for inviting us to share extend the healing ministry of Jesus who gave sig some who only pretend to see. Use our resource wholeness, not just cures. Help us to address the without food or shelter or hope. Lead us into Your	the to those who were blind and new insight to es to heal attitudes as well as bodies, to bring the inequities of the earth that leave so many
GIVE THANKS	СН. 528
Give Thanks With a	ı Grateful Heart
COMMUNION INVITATION	
COMMUNION HYMN	CH. 151 (vs. 1, 2, 3)
The First	t Noel
PRAYER FOR THE BREAD	Leo Gibbs
PRAYER FOR THE CUP	Steve Gray
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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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS......Mark Lowry

Mary Did You Know

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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

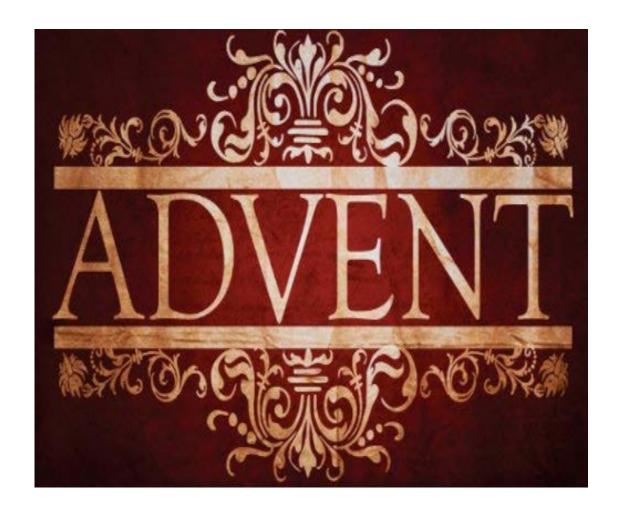
We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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