



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 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.....Joshua Leavitts

Christians All, Your Lord is Coming

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE.....Kaitlyn & Kayleigh McNelis

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....CH. 128 (vs. 4)

One Candle is Lit

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Anthony Martinez

Leader: Come away from times of weariness.
Dare to accept the energy God offers you.

PEOPLE: **RESTORE OUR ENERGY, O SOURCE OF ALL POWER.
LET YOUR GOODNESS FLOW THROUGH US.**

Leader: Come away from all your insignificant distractions.
Dare to let God show you a larger picture.

PEOPLE: **HELP US TO EXAMINE THE FLOW OF OUR LIVES.
REVEAL TO US WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT.**

Leader: Come away from the scorn of enemies.
Dare to laugh with those who have laughed at you.

UNISON: **LEAD US TO THINK OF OTHERS IN NEW WAYS.
LET US FIND GRACE AND PEACE IN EMMANUEL.**

*ADVENT CAROL.....CH. 124

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Shepherding God, whose signs are everywhere, restore in us Your light that we may discern what You are about. Shine upon this assembly to give life to our tired routines. Fill our longing hearts with quiet confidence. Awaken the child in us to experience Your revelation. By Your presence with us, deepen the prayers we utter, and turn our fears to eager anticipation. Touch us to lend strength and confidence as we reach out to one another for help and healing. 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. 913).....Romans 1:1-7

CHRISTMAS CANTATA.....Adult Choir

Wonderful Counselor

All are welcomed to sing along with the choir during the carol selection.

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Reuben Morgan

We Have A Savior

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, we would not weary You with empty words or with routine tips of obligation. You have granted us life with such abundant possibilities that we can never do enough to express our gratitude. You have honored us by calling us saints and apostles. Therefore, we offer ourselves and our abundance in the confidence that You will continue to provide for us in whatever circumstances we face. Use us as ministers of Your grace. Amen.

GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 144

O Little Town of Bethlehem

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Cheryl Jarvis

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Mary Redmon

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Chris Tomlin

Noel

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. 162**

What Child Is This

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**

***CHORAL POSTLUDE.....Carribbean Folksong**

Halle-Halle-Halleluja

‡ Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
3rd – 8th attend LIVE BIG!

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Bob Nutting, Rosemary Lahy, Mary Cornwell, Megan Baines



*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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