



Christmas

December 25, 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.....John W. Schaum

Joy to the World

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of God has appeared among us.
A child has been born, bringing God's salvation.

PEOPLE: **WE HAVE SEEN ANEW THE LIGHT OF GOD'S LOVE.
HOW SPLENDID IS GOD'S GIFT TO US!**

Leader: Sing to our God a joyous new song.
Sing to God, all nations of the earth.

PEOPLE: **GREAT IS OUR GOD AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED.
ASCRIBE TO GOD THE GLORY THAT IS DUE.**

Leader: Let the heavens be glad as the earth rejoices.
Glory to God in the highest heaven.

UNISON: **THE CHILD OF BETHLEHEM WILL HELP US KNOW GOD.
WE GATHER TO CONTEMPLATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.**

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 164

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

We tremble before You, holy God, for Your ways are far beyond our knowing. You surprise us in unexpected places. You come to us in people we may overlook. Your light exposes our shallow commitments and misplaced loyalties. Yet we dare to come before You, to bow down at the manger in awe and wonder. This humble scene moves us more than we could have guessed. It shakes all our pretensions. We are filled with hope that a new day is dawning. Establish among us Your way of righteousness. 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. 555).....Isaiah 9:2-7

SERMON.....Pastor Mark Poindexter

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Gene Bartlet

Christ Is Born

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Amazing God, we want to invest in Your promise of endless peace when the authority of Your holy child is established. Let Your peace come here and now as we dedicate ourselves and our offerings for the purpose of upholding justice and extending the gift of salvation to all people. May our offerings and our lives be a blessing to others, proclaiming good news of great joy in ways that all of us can understand. Amen.

GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 147

Away in a Manger

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Tom Larson

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Jennifer Larson

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Emile Louis

Little 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

Christmas Sunday

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 159

There's A Song in the Air

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.....John W. Schaum

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Bob Nutting, Rosemary Lahy, Mike Wyatt, 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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