



First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2012

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Children ages 3 yrs -1st grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.*) †

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

PRELUDE.....arr. Berry
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE.....David & Betty McCrickard

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....CH. 128 (vs.1)
One Candle is Lit

WINDOWS INTO ADVENT

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 135
Blessed Be the God of Israel

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

We begin a new journey today, O God, a journey to Bethlehem and to a baby who will be born unto us. We praise you, Lord, for your gift of this child who will lead us to salvation. Our prayer today is for a quiet place, a bit of silence in a busy season, so that we may hear your message and eagerly anticipate Christ's coming. Slow us down, Lord. Loosen us up. Help us to find that place where we can receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as speak. Come to us in this time of Hope, through Christ our Lord, who teaches 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. 155
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

ELDER EMERITUS RECOGNITION
Frances Wells
Mary Lou Williams

THE COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg 645).....Jeremiah 33:14-16

ANTHEM *Lynne Fetter, Violin*.....arr. Walton
This Child, Emmanuel

SECOND READING (pg 831).....Luke 1:5-25

SERMON.....Rev. Cyd Cowgill
The Window of Silence

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Lynne Fetter, Violin*.....Gavotte

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

In times of struggle, God, you call us to give support; in times of uncertainty you call us to offer a clear vision; in times of despair you call us to speak a word of hope. Bless the good in all we give, and bless these gifts of money that they may bring closer your dream of justice and peace. In the name of Christ, we ask this, Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY.....CH. 46

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 124 (vs. 1,2,3)
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Mary Peris

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Tom Larson

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Helgen
Keep Silent

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 COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 119**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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**

***POSTLUDE**

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

‡ *Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder*
Children 3rd – 6th grade may attend Live Big

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Bill Taylor, Nina Milam, Bill Loftis, Michael Stevenson



*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.
See you next Sunday!*



The Welcome Loaf

*We offer a loaf of fresh bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence.
Please greet Rev. Cyd at the door following worship to receive your loaf.*



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Windows into Advent



Silence

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