Third Sunday of Advent

A Service of Lessons and Carols
December 16, 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.)*

PRELUDE *Joshua Bialowas, Trumpet*………………………...……………..…………..………arr. Bernet
Christmas Joy

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE………………………………………......………..……Mike & Sandy Phillips

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE………………………………………......................…….CH. 128 *(vs. 3)*
One Candle is Lit

THE WINDOW OF TRUST

INTROIT..arr. Nylee Dretke
Sing Alleluia! Christ is Born

*WORSHIP HYMN………………………………………..……………..……………..…..CH. 149
Angels, from the Realms of Glory

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Like a lavish angel you come, God, with light spilling from your hands, lovingly dispensing favor. And we who have labored long in darkness are so surprised that our hearts pound in fear. When you come, Lord, may we trust you as Mary and Elizabeth did. May we accept you within us and embrace the Light that is shining in our darkness. Fill us with joy, God, and give us hearts of holy calm. We rejoice in the name of Christ, 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   *Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*
(Glory to God in the Highest)

THE COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

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Isaiah 11:1-9
Lynne Fetter, Violin…………….…….…………………………….......arr. Walton
This Child, Emmanuel

Luke 1:26-33
Steven Meadows, Percussions…………………………..…..…………..arr. Simeone
Do You Hear What I Hear?

Luke 2:1-7
Lynne Fetter, Violin…………………………………..……..…..arr. Hayes
Away in a Manger

Luke 2:8-14
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN……………………………………….CH. 148 *(vs. 1,2,4)*
O, Come All Ye Faithful

Luke 2:15-22
Steven Meadows, Percussions …………………………….......................…arr. Yalanis
Christmas Calypso

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12
Steven Meadows, Percussions………………........................……..arr. Simeone
The Carol of the Star

MORNING PRAYER

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS………………………………………….……………..Fran Gray

OFFERTORY………………………………………………….…………….…arr. Leontovych
Ukrainian Bell Carol

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Through our humble offerings, God, may the brokenhearted be led to celebrate and may the lowly know themselves beloved by you. By your mercy, we are fed. By your grace, you call us to feed others. May our actions lead others to put their trust in you.   Make our life together a lesson and carol as we rejoice in the coming of our Savior. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY………………………………………………….......……CH. 46

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN…………………………………………………….......…..CH. 144
O Little Town of Bethlehem

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD………………………………….….……………David McCrickard

PRAYER FOR THE CUP…………...…………….…….…………….……………..…Steve Gray

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS………………….……..……….…….............…arr. Olson
In Excelsis Deo

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. 143

Joy to the World

*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

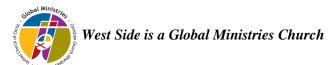Cindy Wallace, William Brown, Pam Brown, Emily Nutting

*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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