



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2012

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....CH. 128 (vs.5)
One Candle is Lit

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

WINDOWS INTO ADVENT

*WORSHIP HYMNS.....CH. 150
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

We praise you, O God, because your love is forever. The arrival of a baby is a gift of love, a promise fulfilled that brings light to our deepest, darkest night. So may love flow from our hearts today, Lord. May love fill every moment with the season’s other gifts of hope, peace and joy. May we live in the Christmas blessing of love. In the name of the One born to us this day, Christ our Lord, we pray as he taught us, 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!*

BABY DEDICATION
*Evee Breeze Thornton
Connor David White
Jayce Everette Williams*

THE COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg 245).....2 Samuel 7:10-11

ANTHEM.....arr. Hayes

Away in a Manger

SECOND READING (pg 833).....Luke 2:1-14

SERMON.....Rev. Cyd Cowgill

The Window of Love

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD’S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....arr. Bober

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, God, for coming to us in a human life so expressive of love that two thousand years have not extinguished the flame. May that love burn so brightly in our lives that its fire will spread. Use our offerings to ignite in the world such caring and compassion that all your children may know joy and peace. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY.....CH. 46

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 163

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Steve Gray

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Mary Peris

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Murray

Away in a Manger

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

PASSING THE PEACE

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 155

Angels We Have Heard on High

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

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Curtis Nelson, Dudley DeStefano, Brendon McNelis, Cheryl Jarvis



*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



Love

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