

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2012

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

#### \*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.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

\*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
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 T	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 lov extinguished the flame. May that love burn so brightly in our live offerings to ignite in the world such caring and compassion that al peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.	es that its fire will spread. Use our
*THE DOXOLOGY	СН. 46
COMMUNION INVITATION	
COMMUNION HYMN	СН. 163
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly	
PRAYER FOR THE BREAD	Steve Gray
PRAYER FOR THE CUP	Mary Peris
DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.  Away in a Manger	arr. Murray
The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us	s. 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

#### 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.

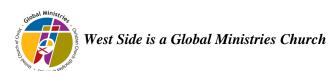
See you next Sunday!



## 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.



## Windows into Advent



Love

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(Disciples of Christ)

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