



First Sunday after Christmas

Praise & Worship Sunday
December 30, 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder: Through lush farmlands, suburban neighborhoods and bleak alleys,

PEOPLE: **THERE SWEEPS GOOD NEW OF GREAT JOY!**

Elder: Through empty wants and desperate needs,

PEOPLE: **A STAR BLAZES TO LIGHT OUR WAY.**

Elder: Through pounding turmoil and numbing fear,

PEOPLE: **THERE SOUNDS AN ANGEL CHORUS: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!
PEACE TO GOD'S PEOPLE ON EARTH!**

Elder: Through song, word and wonder, let us receive the news!

UNISON: **LET US FOLLOW THE STAR AND HEED THE ANGELS!
LET US WORSHIP THE NEWBORN KING!**

*SONGS OF PRAISE

Shout to the Lord
How Majestic Is Your Name
There's A Song in the Air

CH. 35
CH. 63
CH. 159

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

O God of Christmas, in Jesus you have come among us, to be one of us. We welcome you into our homes and hearts, our lives and church. May we worship you with the shepherds, proclaim you with the angels, and offer ourselves to you with Mary and Joseph. Shine in our darkness, God, as we receive the Christ child today. In the name of the One born to us, 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 PATRI

THE COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg 480).....Psalm 98

SPECIAL MUSIC - *Tom Larson, solo*.....arr. Meece
One Small Child

SECOND READING (pg 833 & 784).....Luke 2:15-20 & Matthew 2:13-15

SERMON.....Rev. Cyd Cowgill
The Things that Remain

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INTRDUCTION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....arr. Bober.
He Is Born, the Holy Child

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, who labors to birth life abundant among us, we thank you for the birth we celebrate today. In response to your great labor of love, we offer our gifts. Through giving, may we open ourselves to you, that you might be born in us this Christmastide.. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY.....CH. 528
Give Thanks

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 263
Surely the Presence

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Ben Cowgill

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Lois Pyles

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Hayes
I Wonder As I Wander

*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 INVITATIONCH. 167

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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

Linda Hayes, Rick Lahy, Erica Zyliak, Millicent Wise



*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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