



Epiphany

January 5, 2014

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

PRELUDE.....arr. McLean

Pat-A-Pan

MATTHEW 2:1-12.....Rev. Cyd Cowgill

ARRIVAL OF THE WISEMEN

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Anthony Martinez

Leader: Have you seen the star? Have you heard the good news?
God, who created all things, has come to earth.

PEOPLE: **WE HAVE HEARD OF A BABY BORN IN BETHLEHEM.
WE HAVE SEEN EVIDENCE THAT GOD IS WITH US.**

Leader: Have you allowed God to reign in your life?
Have you laid your gifts before the Holy Child?

PEOPLE: **WE HAVE NOTICED THE GENEROUS TRAVELERS FROM THE EAST.
THEY INSPIRE IN US A WILLINGNESS TO SHARE.**

Leader: God's call to us is for justice, beyond generosity.
Are you ready for God's eternal purpose in Christ?

UNISON: **WE HAVE BEEN AFRAID TO TRUST GOD COMPLETELY.
YET WE WANT TO RESPOND TO GOD'S DREAMS FOR US.
MAY IT BE SO IN THE COMING YEAR! LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 172

We Three Kings

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Ivy Kelly

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Arise upon us, holy God, and let Your glory appear over us today. Come in the brightness of Your dawn to bring light to all the nations of earth. Gather us together in such harmony that we may discern Your will for us and be led in Your ways. Fill us with that radiant joy that allows us to reflect Your goodness. Let all people praise You, O God. Let our praise resound through all the world. In the name of the One who is Light of the World, we pray this day, "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!*

THE COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg 950).....Ephesians 3:1-12

CHORAL INTERLUDE.....David Meece

One Small Child

SECOND READING (pg 602).....Isaiah 60:1-3

SERMON.....Rev. Cyd Cowgill

Make a Display!

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....arr. Berry

The Birth of a King

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Awesome God, from a humble house in Bethlehem to the day-to-day-ness of our own lives, Your Grace continues to astound us and bring us to our knees. As we raise these offerings to You we ask that You reorient our wealth, expectations, and all that we are towards Yourself alone. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY.....CH. 46

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 173

As With Gladness

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....David McCrickard

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Carrie Kelly

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Berry

The Coventry Carol

*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. 66**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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
Youth remain in church*

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Kim Powell, Debra Trevino, Ed Coe, Andrew Wells



*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 homemade 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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