



# First Sunday of Advent

Peace Sunday  
November 30, 2014

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

### CHIMING THE HOUR

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** *(Children ages 3 yrs. - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.)* †

PRELUDE.....arr. Hayes

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE.....Dick and Mary Cornwell

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....CH. 128 (vs. 1)

*One Candle is Lit*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Emily Vinson

Leader: Awake, people of God, and stay alert for Christ is coming.  
Grace to you and peace from God who sent Jesus to us.

**PEOPLE: MAKE YOUR WAYS KNOWN TO US, O GOD.  
SHOW US ONCE MORE YOUR AWESOME PRESENCE.**

Leader: We are all God's people; no one is excluded.  
Come together as God's family for worship and prayer.

**PEOPLE: LET THE MOUNTAINS QUAKE BEFORE YOU, MIGHTY GOD.  
LET THE NATIONS TREMBLE IN AWE AND REVERENCE.**

Leader: Praise the One who grants us the gift of life.  
Give thanks for God's continuing faithfulness.

**PEOPLE: HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY,  
BUT THE WORD OF GOD IS TRUE FOR ALL TIMES AND PLACES.**

\*PRAISE SONGS  
*This is the Day* CH. 286 (repeat)  
*Shine, Jesus, Shine* CP. 39  
*Emmanuel, Emmanuel* CH. 134 (repeat)

### \*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Amid threatening clouds of anger and selfish strife, come, O God, to bring light into our days of worry and anxiety. Come to send a confident hope. Enrich us with spiritual gifts that transcend disappointments and spill out in generous compassion for all Your suffering children. Meet us today where we are so we may be equipped for trials yet to come and for joys yet to be revealed. In Jesus' name, we pray this day, 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 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 CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg 470).....Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

ANTHEM.....arr. Althouse and Albrecht

*Let the Christ Child In*

SECOND READING (pg 826).....Mark 13:24-37

MESSAGE.....Zach Lowman, Youth Director

*From the Mouth of the Babe*

### SILENT MEDITATION

### MORNING PRAYER

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....arr. Alexander

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we give our best to You. Not out of guilt or fear, but with gratitude and faith. You have been our support in times of need. Every breath we take is a gift from You. We are awake and watchful for opportunities to make a difference, to help others be alert for Your presence, to value life in all its fullness, and to learn to care. We dedicate these gifts with thankfulness and all the days of our lives to those purposes. Amen.

\*THE DOXOLOGY.....CH. 528

*Give Thanks*

### COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 414 (repeat)

*Eat This Bread*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Fred Fritts

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Diane Loftis

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Tornquist

*Emmanuel*

*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 CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 354 (repeat)**

***Seek Ye First***

*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**

**‡** *Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
Youth attend LIVE BIG!*

**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Debra Trevino, Rosemary Lahy, Rick Lahy, Carey Ward



*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!*

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***The Welcome Loaf***

*We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to*



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