



Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2014

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE.....arr. McLean

In Dulci Jubilo

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE.....Coe Family

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....CH. 128 (vs. 2)

One Candle is Lit

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Ivy Kelly

Leader: LORD, You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people;

PEOPLE: AND YOU HAVE PARDONED ALL OF OUR SINS.

Leader: We have come to hear what God the LORD will speak,

PEOPLE: FOR YOU WILL SPEAK PEACE TO YOUR PEOPLE.

Leader: Surely, Your salvation is at hand for Your faithful,

PEOPLE: AND YOUR GLORY MAY DWELL IN OUR LAND.

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 125

Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God, we have come today to cry out our love for You, as from the top of Mount Zion. We cry out and claim Your promise of peace, that You will feed Your flock like a shepherd, and gather them in Your arms. We come to hear Your word. We are like grass, which withers and fades, but Your word will stand forever. Help us draw near to You, oh God of Peace. Accept our praise, hear our prayers, and touch us with Your word. We pray as Jesus 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 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 581).....Isaiah 40:1-11

ANTHEM.....arr. Kingsmore

Peace, Peace, Peace

SECOND READING (pg 985).....2 Peter 3:8-15a

MESSAGE.....The Rev. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D

Waiting is Hard

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....arr. Berry

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of peace, we come today bringing our gifts, and dedicating them to Your service. Bless these gifts and use them to serve the needs of the many that need a straighter path to You and Your love. We bring them with joy in our hearts and songs of hope, praise, and thanksgiving on our lips. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY.....CH. 528

Give Thanks

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 136

Christians All, Your Lord is Coming

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Bob Nutting

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Fred Fritts

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

Breath of Heaven

*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. 129**

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

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 – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
Youth remain in church*

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Jimmy Jarvis, Marla Terry, Andrew Wells, Christie 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. We look forward to seeing 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 receive your loaf.



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