



Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 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.)* †

MUSICAL SELECTION FROM "Miracle on Main Street".....I Believe!
Solo, Anthony Martinez

PRELUDE.....arr. McLean
Noell Nouvelet!

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE.....Allen and Cindy Wallace

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**.....CH. 128 (vs. 3)
One Candle is Lit

***CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Jonathan Martell

Leader: The LORD has done great things for us.

PEOPLE: LET US REJOICE!

Leader: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,

PEOPLE: OUR TONGUES WERE FILLED WITH SHOUTS OF JOY!

Leader: As we prepare for Your coming, O LORD,

PEOPLE: WE ANTICIPATE THE ARRIVAL WITH JOY.

***WORSHIP HYMN**.....CH. 119 (vs. 1, 3, 4)
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Loving and Gracious God, we come with Joy in our hearts and songs on our lips. As we journey through the celebration of Your Advent, we long for the year of Your favor. For those among us who are mourning, we ask Your comfort. For those who are oppressed, we ask for good news. For those who are captives, You promise liberty. We pray for release for all of those who are imprisoned by oppressive forces of this world. We come to sing Your praises. Accept our offerings of praise and prayer with joy as we approach You in the way that Your Son Jesus taught us to pray, 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 961).....1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

ANTHEM.....arr. Lau
Is Your Heart Prepared For A King?

SECOND READING (pg 603).....Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

MESSAGE.....The Rev. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D.
"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me...to bring Good News to the Oppressed"

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS.....Jennifer Larson

OFFERTORY.....arr. Tornquist
Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, we bring these gifts with joy and thanksgiving. We know that they are merely a small portion of all the good gifts with which You have blessed us. Join them with the gifts of others and multiply them, we pray, that churches throughout our region, throughout our nation, and throughout the world will be strengthened by them to care for a hurting world. We offer these gifts and our prayer in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 124 (vs. 1 & 2)
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Carrie Kelly

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Steve Gray

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Costley
Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

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. 140 (vs. 1, 2, 3)**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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 attend LIVE BIG!

***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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