



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 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 *Joshua Bialowas*.....arr. Bernet
Christmas Joy

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE.....Leo & Pam Gibbs

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....CH. 128 (vs. 4)
One Candle is Lit

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Anthony Martinez

Leader: The LORD has done great things for me.

PEOPLE: **HOLY IS GOD'S NAME!**

Leader: God has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

PEOPLE: **AND LIFTED UP THE LOWLY.**

Leader: God has filled the hungry with good things.

PEOPLE: **AND REMEMBERED THE FAITLFUL IN LOVE.**

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 155 (vs. 1, 2, 3)
Angels We Have Heard on High

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

God of Love, whose arrival we eagerly anticipate, we glorify Your name. You have strengthened us in the proclamation of Jesus Christ, whom You have sent not only to "the chosen" but also to us "Gentiles," by Your decree. We come today seeking Your wisdom, Your guidance, and Your truth. Hear our prayers and praise; offer us the blessing of knowing Your presence this day. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus the Christ, to whom be the glory forever, who taught his disciples how 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 475).....Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

ANTHEM.....arr. Sterling
Go to the Manger

SECOND READING (pg 831).....Luke 1:26-38

MESSAGE.....The Rev. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D.
"Nothing will be Impossible with God"

ANTHEM.....arr. Lantz III
Love Was Born For Us To Share

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS.....Diane Loftis

OFFERTORY *Duet: Nicholas Moorad & Joshua Bialowas*.....arr. Rollin
Carol of the Bells

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

In Mary's story we hear "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." And "Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God." These are certainly words of great comfort for all of us, as You reach out to invite all of humanity into fellowship with You, oh God. With a grateful heart for Your abundant love we bring these gifts with joy and thanksgiving. Use our gifts of money, time, and education, as we consecrate these gifts and our lives for Your ministry to a hurting world. Use these gifts, we pray, so that the world-wide ministry of The Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, as well as the ministry of other churches will be strengthened. We offer these gifts and our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 330 (vs. 1)
Alleluia! Hear God's Story

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Tony Peris

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Debbie Friberg

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Bober
What Child Is This

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** *Joshua Bialowas*.....**CH. 150**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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**.....arr. Yalanis

Christmas Calypso

‡ *Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
3rd – 8th attend LIVE BIG!*

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Pam Gibbs, William Brown, Allen Wallace, Sharon Jenson



*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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