



First Sunday after Christmas

December 28, 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.)* †

PRELUDEarr. McLean

Pat-A-Pan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Millicent Wise

Leader: Rejoice in God, who is our life and salvation.
Christ has come to make us heirs of God's promises.

**PEOPLE: GOD COMMANDED, AND WE ARE CREATED.
WE ARE CHILDREN OF THE MOST HIGH.**

Leader: Praise God from the heights of heaven.
Praise God, all people of the earth.

**PEOPLE: GOD OPENS OUR EYES TO SEE THE LIGHT.
WE WILL BE CALLED BY A NEW NAME.**

Leader: Men and women, youth and aged,
Sing of God's glory; shout your praise.

**PEOPLE: GOD HAS MADE US HEIRS OF PROMISE.
WE WILL PRAISE GOD'S HOLY NAME.**

***WORSHIP HYMN**.....CH. 148 (vs. 1, 2, 4)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Faithful God, by whose Spirit all people and places become holy, lead us by that Spirit today. We have come to celebrate a birth that offers us rebirth. We have gathered that You might claim us as heirs, with Christ, of eternal life. Unite our hearts and minds in a chorus of praise, that the life of this church might be quickened, renewed, and refocused. May your faithful people become a crown of beauty in Your hands. In the name of the One born to us, Christ our Lord, we 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 603).....Isaiah 61:1-62:3

ANTHEM.....arr. Moore

In The Bleak Midwinter

SECOND READING (pg 783).....Matthew 1:18-25

MESSAGE.....Rev. Jill Jordan

"O Come, O Come"

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....arr. Olson

Tidings of Comfort and Joy

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

With joyous praise, we return to You a portion of all You have given to us. May our giving exceed the demands of the law. You have invited us to sacrifices befitting our blessings. You have asked us to care for those less privileged. What we offer in these moments is a beginning. We will ponder again Your amazing grace in granting us life, in offering the child Jesus to being us back to You, and in giving us the name "Christian." Praise be to You, O God. Amen.

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

Give Thanks

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 144 (vs. 1, 3)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....David McCrickard

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Diane Loftis

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Hayes

I Wonder as I Wander

*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. 167**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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**

***TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE.....arr. Bober**

Auld Lang Syne

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

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Debbie Trevino, 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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