



Second Sunday after Christmas

January 4, 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
We Three Kings

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Matthew Mills

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God,

PEOPLE: **AND YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS TO THE SON.**

Leader: May the Kings of Sheba bring gifts.

PEOPLE: **MAY ALL KINGS FALL DOWN BEFORE HIM,**

Leader: and all nations serve him.

PEOPLE: **BLESSED BE HIS GLORIOUS NAME, FOREVER.**

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 159
There's a Song in the Air!

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

We gather together in the midst of Your sanctuary, O God. We come into Your radiance and celebrate again the discovery of Your coming. As we worship You this day, guide our hearts to find You again. For we offer our prayers in the name of the One we first found lying in a manger, Christ our Lord, who awakened us to the power of prayer, 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 949).....Ephesians 1:3-14

INSTRUMENTAL.....arr. Olson
Ballad of the Kings

SECOND READING (pg 862).....John 1:1-18

MESSAGE.....The Rev. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D.
"The Law was given through Moses-Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ"

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....arr. Hayes
While By My Sheep

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Oh God of ending and beginnings, we come still basking in the glow of Christmas, and bring our gifts. Accept them as sacrifices for the hope of Your kingdom. Guide and direct the use of these gifts that Your church may grow strong in wisdom and Your favor may be upon it. We come to You in the spirit of Christmas, in the spirit of thanksgiving for Your coming into the world. We are truly blessed. Help us to become a blessing and use these gifts in Your service to a hurting and confused world. Amen.

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

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 173
As with Gladness

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Steve Gray

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Lois Pyles

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Hascall
'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

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. 66**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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**

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

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Debra Trevino, Kim Powell, Ed Coe, 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!*



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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