



First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR
WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....Zach Lowman

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

PRELUDE.....John Carter
Trumpet Voluntary

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE.....Kathryn Bean & Joyce Tippin

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....CH. 128 (vs. 1)
One Candle is Lit

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Emily Vinson

Leader: The days are surely coming, says our God,
when justice and righteousness will appear.

PEOPLE: **GOD'S PROMISES WILL BE MADE KNOWN TO US,
AND WE WILL DECLARE GOD'S GOODNESS AND SALVATION.**

Leader: Lift us your souls in trust and praise;
open your hearts and minds to God's teaching.

PEOPLE: **GOD'S WAYS WILL BE DEMONSTRATED TO US,
AND WE WILL SEEK TO WALK IN THEM ALL OUR DAYS.**

Leader: Render thanksgiving to God for all life's benefits.
Watch and pray, in holiness and abiding faith.

UNISON: **GOD'S MERCY AND STEADFAST LOVE WILL SURROUND US,
AND WE WILL ABOUND IN LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Anthony Martinez

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 119
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

In obedience and trust, we approach You, God of the covenant. Day by day, Your promises are fulfilled among us. Our redemption is drawing near. Help us to prepare our communities and ourselves for Christ's coming. Equip us now to worship You with all the saints, past and present, nearby and far away. We ask these in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who 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, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35
Glory Be to the Father

BABY DEDICATION of *Robert Bruce Stewart, III*

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg. 856).....Luke 21:25-36

ANTHEM *Accompanied by Frances Wells*.....Joshua Leavitt's *Christian Lyre*
Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming

SECOND READING (pg. 645).....Jeremiah 33:14-16

MESSAGE.....Rev. Mark E. Poindexter

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....J. Saure
The Palms

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank You God, for this family of faith, which enriches our lives and enables us to share. Thank You for making us aware that some faint with fear and others dwell in hopelessness. We are grateful that You show us ways to life the burdens of our sisters and brothers. May our offerings further this ministry among us and beyond our community. Amen.

GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528
Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 136 (vs. 3 & 4)
Christians All, Your Lord is Coming

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Cheryl Jarvis

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Leo Gibbs

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Mark Hayes
Shepherd Me, O God

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. 683**

O for a World

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.....Jerry Ray**

O How I Love Jesus

‡ Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder Game Sunday in LIVE BIG!

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Fran Gray, Jimmy Jarvis, Zach Lowman, Mary Bond



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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