



# Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....Christie Wells

*(Children ages 3 yrs. - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †*

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE.....Herb & Cheryl Showalter

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....CH. 128 (vs. 2)

*One Candle is Lit*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Corbyn Milam

Leader: Listen! Listen for a messenger from God.  
The way is being prepared for Christ's coming.

PEOPLE: **WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN FOR A WORD FROM GOD.  
WE HAVE GATHERED TO PREPARE FOR CHRIST'S ADVENT.**

Leader: Come with your joys and sorrows, laughter and tears.  
There is a place for you in the company of seekers.

PEOPLE: **WE THANK GOD FOR OUR ACCEPTANCE IN THE CHURCH.  
WE REJOICE TO OFFER THE LOVE OF CHRIST TO OTHERS.**

Leader: We are partners in the gospel of Jesus Christ.  
Claim anew today this opportunity and responsibility.

UNISON: **WE ARE GLAD GOD IS DOING GREAT THINGS AMONG US.  
WE WANT TO REJOIN OURSELVES TO GOD'S WORK IN THE WORLD.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Lexi Kilburn

\*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 125

*Come, O Long-expected Jesus*

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

How good it is to gather where garments of sorrow and affliction are removed. Here, we are wrapped in the beauty of God's glory and welcomed to life at its fullest. Surely, You restore us to our best, mighty God, and equip us from productive living. Make a difference within and among us today so we can work for a better tomorrow. 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*

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg. 778).....Malachi 3:1-4

ANTHEM *Do Not Find Me Sleeping*

SECOND READING (pg. 834).....Luke 3:1-6

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

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Emile Louis

*Little Noel*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

How good You have been to us, gracious God! How meagerly we have responded. You have restored our fortunes when we felt all was lost. You have filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. We give thanks, not only with a portion of our income, but also through renewed commitment to righteous living. By Your grace, we share in the work Christ came to accomplish among us. May love abound in and through us. Amen.

GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528

*Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart*

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 135

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Tony Peris

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Cheryl Jarvis

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Reuben Morgan

*Mighty to Save*

*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. 147**

*Away in a Manger*

*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**

*Sweet By and By*

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

**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Wendy White, Megan Baines, Kim Powell, Debbie Trevino



*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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