



Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....Jennifer Larson

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

PRELUDE.....John Schaum

Hallelujah Chorus

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE.....Uwe Scharf & Andrea Brown

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....CH. 128 (vs. 3)

One Candle is Lit

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Anthony Martinez

Leader: Rejoice, give thanks; call on God's name; the Holy One is in our midst.

PEOPLE: **HOW GOOD IT IS TO COME HOME TO GOD'S HOUSE!
HOW GOOD IT IS TO GATHER IN CHRIST'S PRESENCE!**

Leader: Sing aloud! Exult with all your heart; the Sovereign One has done glorious things.

PEOPLE: **WE OFFER UP OUR ANXIETIES, SEEKING GOD'S PEACE.
WE FACE OUR PLENTY, EAGER TO SHARE.**

Leader: Shout your praise! Express your joy! The God of our salvation welcomes us.

UNISON: **GOD'S LOVE IS RENEWING US IN THESE MOMENTS;
GOD'S STRENGTH IS BECOMING OUR SONG!**

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 148

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

God of our baptism, renew in us today the gifts of Your Holy Spirit and fire. We have come together, eager for god news. We are here for instructions, ready to do the work You call us to do in the world. Equip us in this time of worship to draw deeply from the waters of salvation. Fill us with Your love that we may pass it on. Recall us to truth and excellence and justice in all we say and do. 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. 834).....Luke 3:7-18

MENS CHORUS - Accompanied by Frances Wells.....John M. Neale

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

SECOND READING (pg. 955).....Philippians 4:1-9

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

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Geoffrey O'Hara

Come to the Stable with Jesus

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We rejoice, O God of peace, in the privilege of giving without fear. You come to us daily with blessings too numerous to count. You are the Holy One whose presence relieves our anxieties, feeds our hungers, and stirs our compassion. Through our offerings, we express our gratitude. As we give of ourselves, we respond to Your call to bear fruit and to make Your name known among the nations. Thank You for accepting all we offer. Amen.

GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 162

What Child is This

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Bob Nutting

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Steve Gray

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Joseph Martin

I Thank You, Lord

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. 159**

There's a Song in the Air!

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.....Michael Praetorius**

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

***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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