



First Sunday after Christmas

December 27, 2015

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

PRELUDE.....Matt and Beth Redman
Blessed Be Your Name

***CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Matthew Mills

Leader: Men and women, old and young, together;
Praise God and exalt the Author of Life.

**PEOPLE: PRAISE GOD IN THE HIGHEST HEAVENS.
PRAISE GOD, ALL DWELLERS ON THE EARTH.**

Leader: God commanded, and we were created.
God sustains us and enables us to grow.

**PEOPLE: PRAISE GOD, ALL WHO SEEK TO LIVE IN FAITHFULNESS.
GLORIFY GOD'S NAME AND JOIN THE LOVING COMMUNITY.**

Leader: Know that we are chosen by God, holy and beloved.
We are called into one body, the church of Jesus Christ.

**UNISON: LET US DRAW CLOSE TO GOD AND TO ONE ANOTHER.
LET US JOIN WITH ALL CREATION TO WORSHIP GOD.**

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

***WORSHIP HYMN**.....*Joy to The World*.....**CH. 143**

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Height and breadth, length and depth, the whole universe proclaims Your glory, faithful God. Your wisdom fills the universe with possibilities we have not tapped. Your Word comes to us filled with riches we have not mined. Within ourselves is the potential for greatness as yet unrealized. Confront us here with Your eternal claim on us that we may become the kind, compassionate, and patient people You intend for us to be. We ask these things 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**.....*Glory Be to the Father*.....**CH. 35**

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg. 958).....Colossians 3:12-14

ANTHEM *Let The Christ Child In*

SECOND READING (pg. 833).....Luke 2:22-35

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

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Mark Atlogge
Not to Us

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We are thankful for the love that gave us life, for the mission that gives purpose to our days, and for the peace that Christ grants to us. Keep us from needless anxiety, that we may give without counting the cost. We give ourselves as well as our money, that Your Word may spread where it is not known and take root where it has been heeded. Amen.

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

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*.....**CH. 163**

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Lois Pyles

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Carrie Kelly

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS *What Child is This?*

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. 149**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

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.....Dennis Jernigen**

Hallelujah! Christ is Born

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

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Jimmy Jarvis, Sharon Jenson, Bubba Jenson, Pam Gibbs



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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