

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

December 25, 2016

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

The Prelude “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”
Brass Ens., Jessa Greuter, Rexanne Greuter, & Brice Smith

*Opening Song “Joy to the World” Hymn 179

*A Call to Worship

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

Who brings good news,

Who announces salvation,

Who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

Listen! Your sentinels lift-up their voices,

Together they sing for joy;

For in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;

For the Lord has comforted his people,

He has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations;

And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 52:7-10 (NRSV)

*Song of Faith “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Hymn 182

*Invocational Prayer

Song of Praise “Good Christian, Friends Rejoice” Hymn 198

Community and Congregational Prayer – 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 55:1-13**

New Testament Epistle Reading **Hebrews 1:1-12**

*Responsorial “I Saw Three Ships”

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”
Solo by Rexanne Greuter

Children’s Message (No Children’s Church Today)

*Scripture and Prayer of Illumination **John 1:1-14**

Message: “The Light Shines in the Darkness”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING IN FAITH & SERVICE

*Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be baptized, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come to Jesus during this song.

*Closing Song “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” Hymn 218

*Closing Prayer & Spoken Benediction

*Postlude “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” *arr. by Don Sigmon*



Merry Christmas

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER OR TIE SUNDAY – The Sunday after Christmas is usually a low attendance day - so let's have some fun! We all have one: an ugly Christmas sweater or tie which we bought or received as a gift. Wear it! Dress in an ugly sweater, horrid tie, or outrageous Christmas outfit on Sunday, January 1 at 10:30 a.m. We can all share the holiday stories when we received these unique gifts.

CHRISTMAS INSTRUMENTS – Polish your brass instrument and join the band! The Music Ministry is **recruiting brass players to perform and stringed instrument players to perform two songs on Epiphany Sunday (January 8): "Good King Wenceslas" and "We Three Kings."** See Janet Nyfeler for the simple music.



MISSION: The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ

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