

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 11, 2016

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

The Prelude "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
Arranged by Douglas Wagner

***Opening Songs** "While by the Sheep" 200
"Oh How Joyfully" 208

***A Call to Worship**

Leader: Advent is a season of joy. We celebrate the coming of the Christ child with parties and gifts, special decorations and new clothes. We gather with family and friends for special events. We honor long-held traditions. We also reach out to those whose joy is dimmed in this season.

People: Today we light the third candle, the Candle of Joy, for Christ, our joy, is coming.

Leader: With the psalmist, let us exult: "Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures evermore" (Psalm 16:9, 11).

People: The joy of the Lord is our strength! Let us bask in the radiance of Christ's presence as we light the Candle of Joy.

***Invocation Prayer** - Holy God, true joy will never be found in tinsel and colored lights and even less in the excesses of this season. True joy is found in you and in you alone. Thank you for the gift of Joy Incarnate. Thank you for the Spirit who manifests your joy in our hearts all year long. Come, Lord Jesus. Bring us the gift of your joy and your life. Amen.

Song of Faith "While Shepherds Watched" 228

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 35:1-10**

The Song of Mary **Magnificat**

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
For he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,
For the Mighty One has done great things for me - holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him,
From generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
He has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones
But has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things
But has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
Remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever,

Just as he promised our ancestors." Luke 1:46-55

Epistle Reading **James 5:7-10**

***Gospel** **Matthew 11:2-11**

*Responsorial “Trading My Sorrows” Worship Team

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “When Love was Born at Christmas” by Carl Nygard, Jr

Children’s Message (Children dismissed to Junior Church)

*Scripture and Prayer Isaiah 11:1-9

Message: “The Wolf, the Leopard, and the Lion”
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.

*Song “On Christmas Night All Christians Sing” 222

*Closing Prayer & Spoken Benediction

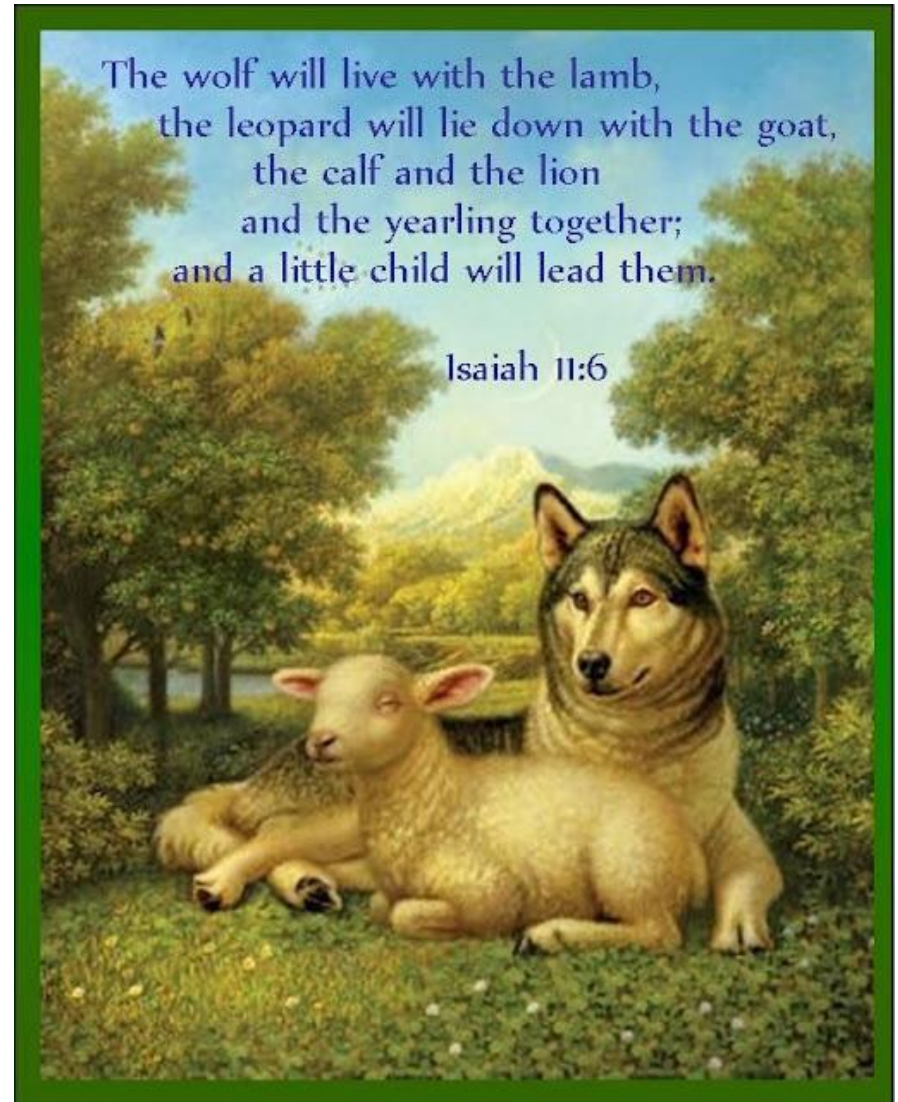
*Postlude “Angels We Have Heard on High”
by James Mansfield



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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