

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE DECEMBER 3, 2017

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering Music	Jan Mauck
Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time	Brice Smith
*Opening Song	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” 153
*Lighting of the Advent Candles	
*Invocational Prayer	
Song of Faith	“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” 154
	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel” 178

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament	Isaiah 64:1-9
A Reading from the Apostles	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
*Responsorial	“All Glory, Laud and Honor” 265

The Prayers of God’s People – 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 Gifts of God’s People - Invitation & Dedication of Offering

Chancel Choir Special “God’s Love Will Show Us the Way”
Created by Russell Mauldin and Sue Smith;
Janet Nyfeler, Director; Marjorie O’Konski, Accompanist

Children’s Message (2nd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

*A Reading from the Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

Prayer of Illumination

Message: “Pay Attention: Christ is Coming”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Lord’s Table – West Side Baptist Church practices *open communion*. This memorial meal is offered to all persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

†Servers Prepare for the Table of the Lord

Communion Hymn	“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” 232
The Lord’s Supper	– Breaking of Bread & Passing of the Cup
Communion	“Prelude on <i>Divinum Mysterium</i> ” David Dahl
The Agape Fund	- The Collection for the Saints and the Needy

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 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 follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

*Song “Soon and Very Soon” (Stz 1) 523

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude “People, Look East” Stephen Aber
Marjorie O’Konski, Organist

*Please stand if able

THE AGAPE FUND COLLECTION – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and needy the first Sunday of each month after the Lord’s Supper. These funds are generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood who have financial need. Please see the Pastor, Church Office, or the Moderator to complete an Application for Assistance.

CHILDRENS ACTIVITY BAGS AND BULLETINS – We are glad to have children in worship! Activity bags filled with coloring pages, crayons, and other items are available for preschool and elementary-aged children near the sanctuary door. Enjoy the bags and children’s bulletins; take your artwork home. Place the bags on the front pew after the worship service so we can restock them.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – West Side Baptist Church celebrates the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. We practice “open communion.” This means we recognize the Table of the Lord does not belong to any church but solely to Jesus Christ. Therefore, any baptized Christian is welcome to receive the bread and the cup in this Christian church.

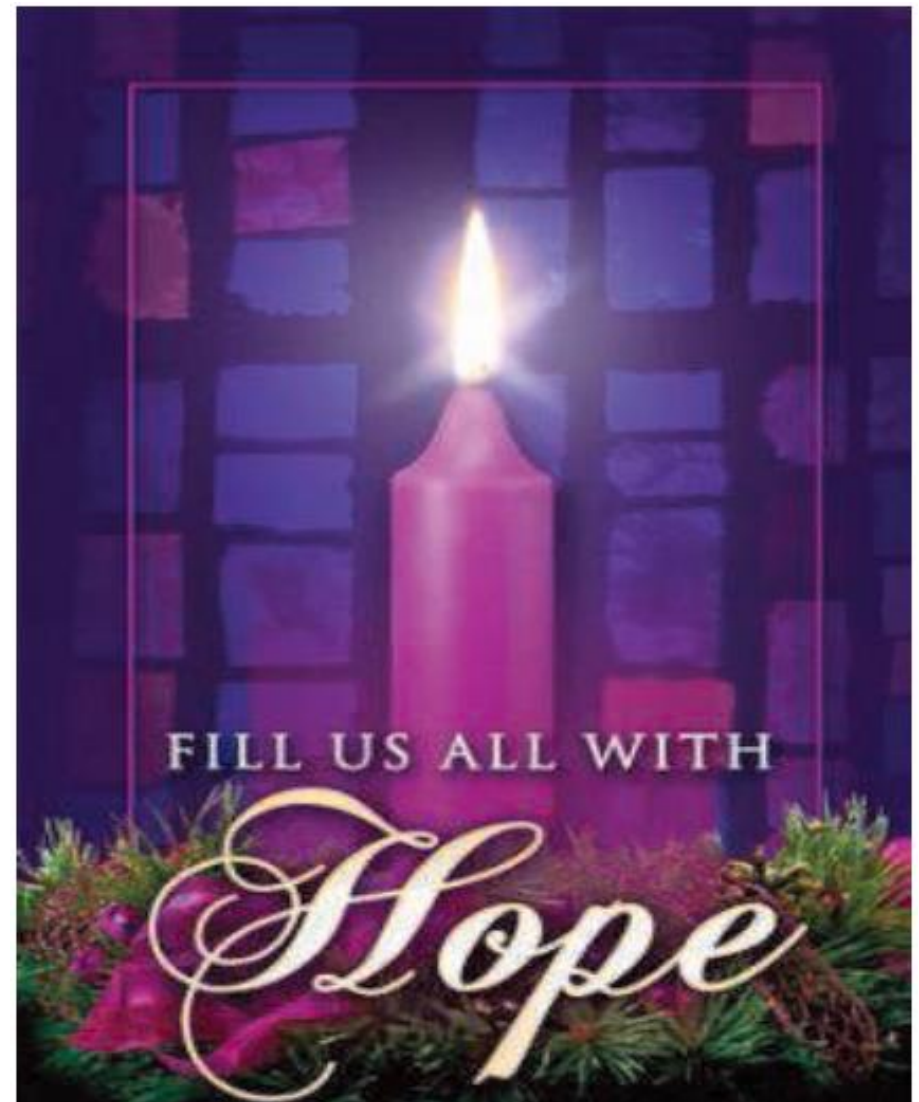


MISSION: The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ



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