

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: PEACE DECEMBER 24, 2017

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering Music Jan Mauck
Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time Brice Smith
*Opening Song "Joy to the World" 179
*Lighting of the Advent Candles
*Song of Joy "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

*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.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament Isaiah 9:2-7
A Reading from the Apostles Romans 16:25-27
*A Reading of the Gospel Luke 1:26-38

A Christmas Musical: "Where Love Leads"

Arranged by Russell Mauldin

Janet Nyfeler, Director; Marjorie O'Konski, Accompanist

"Where Love Leads" Choir

Narration: Janet Nyfeler

"How Great Our Joy" (Medley) Choir

Narration: Colleen Smith

"God's Love Will Show Us the Way" Choir

Narration: Nancy Cottril

"Until the Journey's End" Choir

Narration: Brice Smith

"If Only" Choir

Narration: Rexanne Greuter

"Expecting a Miracle" Ladies Choir

Invitation & Dedication of the Offering – Tithes and Offerings

Narration and Offertory Prayer: Ivan Greuter

"Keep the Promise" Men's Choir

Narration: Jim Goodnow

"Love Calls You Home" Choir

Narration: Janet Nyfeler

"Where Love Leads" (Reprise) Choir

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 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" 218

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude Voluntary on *In dulci jubilo* by James Mansfield
Marjorie O'Konski, Organist

*Please stand if able

"Remember, if Christmas isn't found in your heart, you won't find it under a tree." Charlotte Carpenter

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.

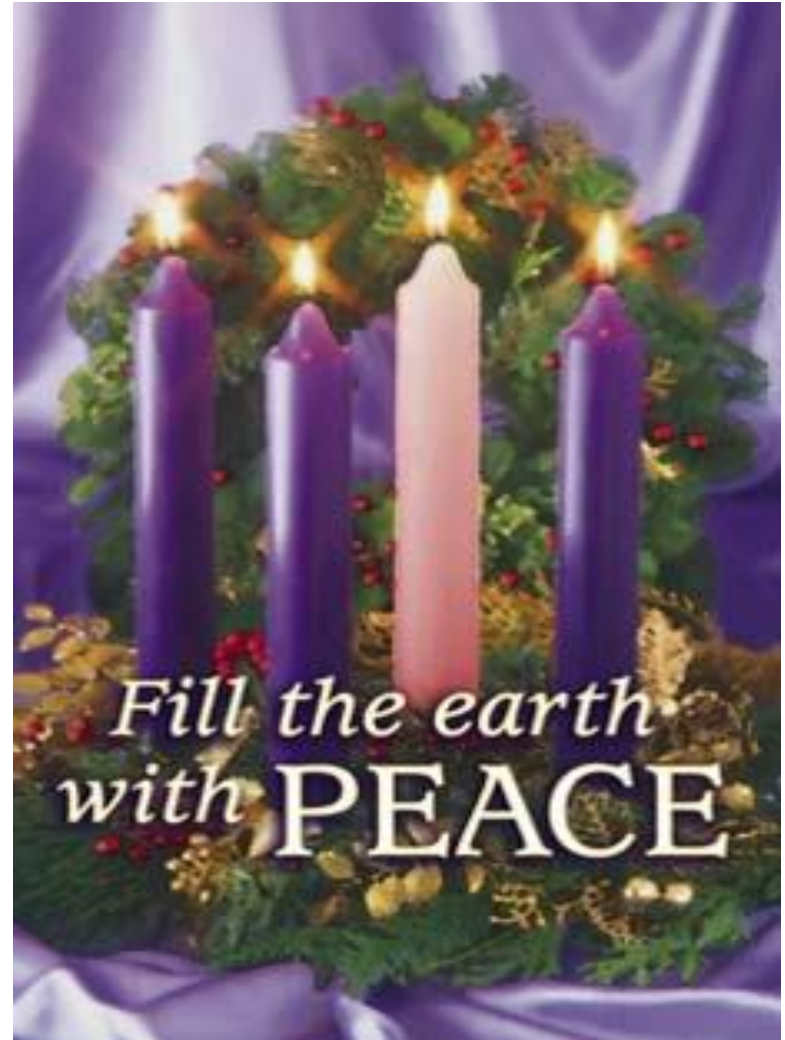
THE LORD'S SUPPER – West Side Baptist Church celebrates the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. We practice "open communion." This means we recognize the Table of the Lord does not belong to any church but solely to Jesus Christ. Therefore, any baptized Christian is welcome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