

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE DECEMBER 2, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” Jan Mauck

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time Brice Smith

*Opening Song “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” 154

*Lighting of the Advent Candles

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;

Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this;

He has opened heaven’s door, and we are blest forevermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Words: 14th Century Latin Carol; translated by John M. Neale (1818-1866).

*Invocational Prayer

Song of Faith “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” 178

“There’s Something About that Name” 108

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 Jeremiah 33:14-16

A Reading from the Apostles 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

*A Reading from the Gospels Luke 21:25-36

*Responsorial “Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates” 176

Invitation to Give of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Offertory Prayer – Eternal God, let us be counted among the givers. Catch us in the act of giving. Accept these gifts of our devotion, move with them hard, craggy hearts, and still the mighty ocean with your faith and hope and love, in the light of which we give them, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Offertory Special “Jesus Messiah” Worship Team
Guitar accompaniment: Jim Goodnow and Zach Smith

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

Message: “The Prophets: Good Christian Men, Rejoice”
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*. All persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ and has been baptized are invited to partake of this memorial meal. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the bread and cup. In solidarity with those who are suffering, we only serve nonalcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

†**Servers Prepare for the Table of the Lord**

Song “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” (St. 1, 2, 4) 181

The Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion)

The Body of Christ – The Bread of Heaven

The Blood of Christ – The Cup of Salvation

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** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" 198

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"
Arranged by Larry Shackley
*Please stand if able

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Acolytes (December) – Aaron Poe and David Greuter

Communion Servers (December) – Jim Goodnow, Nancy Lindberg, Doug and Jan Mauck

Scripture Reader – Jan Mauck

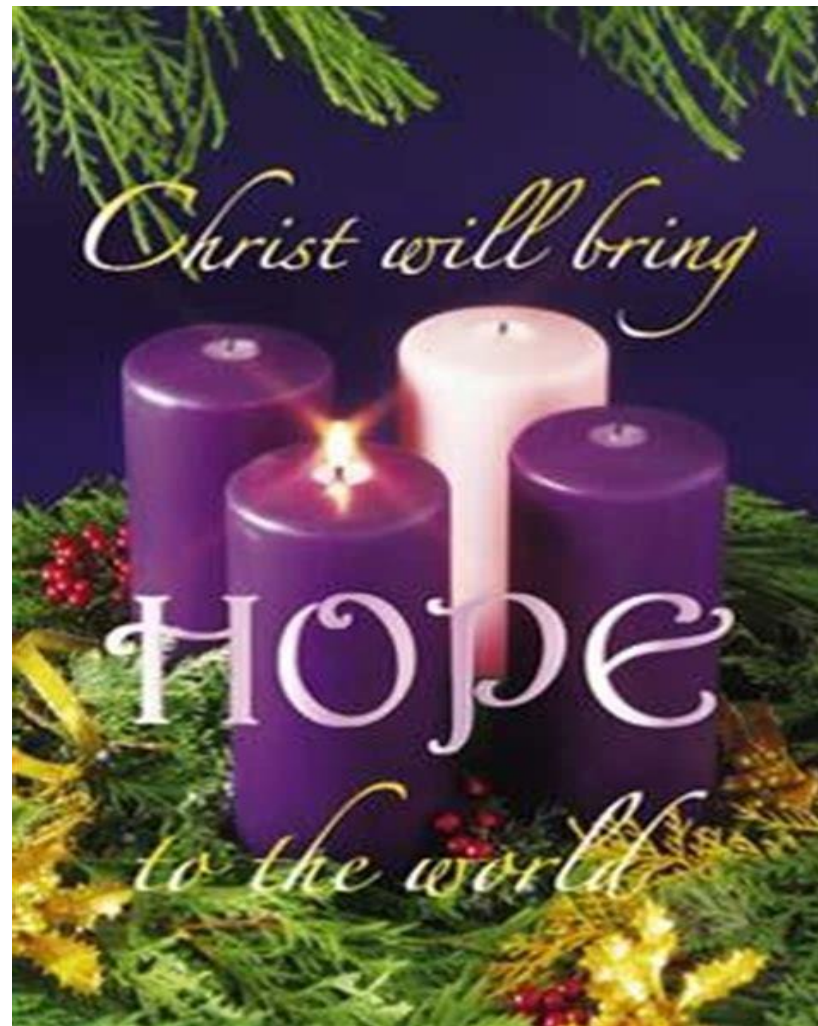
Technology – Mark Calloway, Harry Carpenter, Tom Mansfield, and Bruno Sprengs

Ushers (December) – Mark Calloway, Chuck Cozad, Steve May, Bruno Sprengs, and John Swain (Head Usher)

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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