

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: JOY DECEMBER 9, 2018

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering and Prelude “Gesù Bambino” by Pietro Yon (1917)  
Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time Brice Smith

\*Opening Song “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” 153

\*Lighting of the Advent Candles Marty Stevenson  
*Joy to the World!*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King,  
Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature  
sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the  
sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground:  
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is  
found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations  
prove

**The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.**

Words by Isaac Watts, *Psalms of David*, Psalm 98, 1719.

\*Advent Reading and Invocational Prayer

Song of Faith “All Glory, Laud and Honor” (St. 1,3,5) 265  
“While by the Sheep” (St. 1,4) 200

**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 Malachi 3:1-4

A Reading from the Apostles Philippians 1:3-11

\*A Reading from the Gospels Luke 3:1-6

\*Responsorial “Prepare the Way of the Lord” 174

Invitation to Give of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Choir Offertory Special “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”  
Arranged by Don Besig; Directed by Janet Nyfeler

Children’s Message (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

Message: “The People of Israel: Joy to the World!”  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

## 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 “Joy to the World! (Unspeakable Joy)” Worship Team

\*Spoken Benediction

\*Postlude “Joy to the World!” Arranged by Jim Brickman  
Janet Nyfeler, Church Accompanist and Choir Director

\*Please stand if able

**ADVENT:** The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word  
*adventus* meaning “coming” or “visit,” begins four Sundays before  
Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent is the beginning of  
the liturgical year for Christians in the western church.

During Advent, we prepare for and anticipate the Second Coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation, and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

The Christmas season, or Christmastide, begins at sundown on December 24 (Christmas Eve) through Epiphany of the Lord (January 6). It is popularly known as “The Twelve Days of Christmas.”

#### **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, Brice Smith, and Bruno Sprengs (Head)

**Ushers (December)** – Mark Calloway, Chuck Cozad, Steve May, 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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# THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS



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