

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LOVE DECEMBER 16, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering and Prelude “Five International Carols”

Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time Brice Smith

*Opening “While Shepherd’s Watched Their Flocks”

stanzas. 1,6 228

*Lighting of the Advent Candles *Adeste Fideles*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him Born the King of Angels:

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, light of light,

Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;

True God, begotten, not created:

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!

Glory to God, glory in the highest:

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be glory given!

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Words by John F. Wade (1771-1786), Translated by Frederick Oakeley (180-1880)

*Advent Reading and Invocational Prayer Brice Smith

Song of Faith “O Little Town of Bethlehem” 180

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” *stz. 1* 242

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 Zephaniah 3:14-20

A Reading from the Apostles Philippians 4:4-7

*A Reading from the Gospels Luke 3:7-18

*Responsorial “Hallelujah, Light Has Come” *by Barlowgirl*

Trio: Amy Cripe, Rexanne Greuter, and Colleen Smith

Invitation to Give of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Special “Born in Bethlehem” Worship Team

Words and Music by Mac Powell, et. al.

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

Message: “The Daughters of Zion: O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” 182

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude “O Little Town of Bethlehem” *Arranged by Don Sigmon*

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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