

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LOVE DECEMBER 23, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering and Prelude “Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring” (Bach)

Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time Brice Smith

*Opening “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” 185

*Lighting of the Advent Candle: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hark how all the Welkin rings "Glory to the Kings of Kings,

"Peace on Earth, and Mercy mild, "God and Sinners
reconcil'd!

Joyful all ye Nations rise, join the Triumph of the Skies,

Universal Nature say "Christ the Lord is born to Day!

Christ, by highest Heav'n ador'd, Christ, the Everlasting Lord,

Late in Time behold him come, Offspring of a Virgin's Womb.

Veil'd in Flesh, the Godhead see, Hail th' Incarnate Deity!

**Pleas'd as Man with Men t' appear Jesus, our *Immanuel*
here!**

Hail the Heav'nly Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of
Righteousness!

**Light and Life to All he brings, Ris'n with Healing in his
Wings.**

Mild he lays his Glory by, Born that Man no more may die,

**Born to raise the Sons of Earth, Born to give them Second
Birth.**

Words Charles Wesley (1707-1788), *Hymns and Sacred Poems* (1739)

*Advent Reading and Invocational Prayer Molly Morris

Song of Faith “Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming” 190

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 Micah 5:2-5a

A Reading from the Apostles Hebrews 10:5-10

*A Reading from the Gospels Luke 1:39-55

*Responsorial “Mary, Did You Know? Amy Cripe, Soloist
By Mark Lowry, Buddy Greene

Invitation to Give of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Choir Offertory Special “It's Christmas!” Arr. by Jay Rouse

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

Message: “Mary, Theotokos?: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
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 “The First Noel” 229

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”
Arr. 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 (Christmas Eve) –

Scripture Reader – Jan Mauck

Technology – Mark Calloway Jr., 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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