

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMASTIDE DECEMBER 30, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering and Prelude “Good King Wenceslas”

Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time Brice Smith

*Opening “Come and Hear the Joyful Singing” stz 1,3 197

*Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,

Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,

And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

John Wesley Work Jr. (1872-1925), African-American Spiritual

*Christmas Reading - "Go Tell It on the Mountain" is an African-American spiritual, compiled by John Wesley Work, Jr., the first African-American collector of folk songs and spirituals, as well as a choral director, educationalist, and songwriter. It has been sung and recorded by many artists dating back to at least 1865. It is considered a Christmas carol because its original lyrics celebrate the Nativity of Jesus. The song’s message is simple and true: Like the shepherds, we cannot keep the good news of Christ’s birth a secret. We must tell others, everywhere, including the prophets, priests, and people on the Holy Mountain in Jerusalem.

*Invocational Prayer – Almighty God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - come to us, we pray. Fill our hearts, minds, and souls with the marvelous mystery of your incarnation so that we can proclaim your praise and the wonders of your mighty love on your holy Mountain, in the valleys made low, and everywhere we go. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Songs of Faith	“What Child is This?” stz 1,3	184
	“I Wonder as I Wander” stz 1,3	225
	“Come on, Ring those Bells”	Video

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

*A Reading from the Gospels Luke 2:1-21

*Responsorial	“Joy to the World” stz 1,4	179
	“He is Born (Il Est Ne)” stz 1,3	201
	“Rise Up, Shepherds, and Follow”	209
	“Angels, We Have Heard on High” stz 1,3	188

Invitation to Give of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Special “Carol of the Bells” Video

No Children’s Message / No Children’s Church

Message in Song

	“Love Came Down”	210
	“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”	221
	“O Holy Night” stz 1	187
	“Still, Still, Still”	214

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 "Oh, How Joyfully" stz 1,3 208
"See Him Lying on a Bed of Straw?" stz 1,3 227
*Sung Benediction "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" 218

***Postlude**

Janet Nyfeler, Church Accompanist and Choir Director

*Please stand if able

CHRISTMASTIDE – THE CELEBRATION HAS JUST BEGUN.

Christmastide is another name for the Christmas season, which is part of the liturgical calendar, the schedule of events or holidays that hold religious significance to Christians. Christmastide begins on Christmas Eve at sunset (which is the ending of Advent) and lasts twelve days. Christmastide ends on Epiphany (January 6) when Christians commemorate the arrival of the Magi. Decorations remain up – and Christmas carols are sung - until January 6.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Acolytes (December) – Aaron Poe and David Greuter

Communion Servers (January) –

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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