

JOYFULLY...ADORE JESUS! DECEMBER 15, 2019

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time **Brice Smith**

Prelude **Christmas Melodies**
Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

*Gathering #176 “Lift up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates” *Truro*

*Call to Worship *The Joy of the Redeemed*

The desert and the parched land will be glad;
The wilderness will rejoice and blossom.

**Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
It will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.**

The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
The splendor of Carmel and Sharon;

**They will see the glory of the Lord,
The splendor of our God.**

Strengthen the feeble hands,
Steady the knees that give way;
Say to those with fearful hearts,

**“Be strong, do not fear; your God will come,
He will come with vengeance;
With divine retribution He will come to save you.”**

The redeemed will enter Zion with singing;
Everlasting joy will crown their heads.

**Gladness and joy will overtake them,
And sorrow and sighing will flee away.**

Isaiah 35:1-4, 10 New International Version (NIV)

*Invocational Prayer

Faith #179 “Joy to the World” *Antioch*

Lighting the Advent Candle “Come...Adore Him!

Advent Choir Anthem “Baby What You Going To Be”

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer – **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 the glory forever.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 35:1-10**

Psalter Reading **Luke 1:47-55**

New Testament Reading **James 5:7-10**

*Gospel Reading **Matthew 11:2-11**

*Response “Mary Did You Know” *Matt Smith*

Invitation to Giving our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings & Prayer

Offertory Choir Special “A Star, A Song, A Sign”
Arr. by Brad Nix

Children’s Message (3rd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

Message “The Joy of Restoration”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

*Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

*Song #59 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore” *Hymn to Joy*

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude**

Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

*Please stand if able

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM – We practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – We celebrates the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. All persons, regardless of age, race or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

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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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24 @ 5:00 pm
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