

# COME...ADORE JESUS! DECEMBER 22, 2019

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time      Brice Smith

Prelude    “Christmas Melodies”    Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

\*Gathering #178    “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”      McGee

### \*Call to Worship

Listen, Shepherd, Israel’s Shepherd - get all your Joseph sheep together.

**Throw beams of light from your dazzling throne so Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh can see where they’re going.**

Get out of bed – God’s people have slept long enough! Come on the run before it’s too late.

**God, come back! Smile your blessing smile: *that* will be our salvation.**

God, God-of-the-Angel-Armies, how long will you smolder like a sleeping volcano while your people call for fire and brimstone?

**You put us on a diet of tears, bucket after bucket of salty tears to drink.**

You make us look ridiculous to our friends; our enemies poke fun day after day.

**God-of-the-Angel-Armies, come back! Smile your blessing smile: *that* will be our salvation.**

Then take the hand of your once-favorite child, the child you raised to adulthood.

**We will never turn our back on you; breathe life into our lungs so we can shout your name!**

**God, God-of-the-Angel-Armies, come back! Smile your blessing smile: *that* will be our salvation.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 The Message (MSG)

### \*Invocational Prayer

Faith #242 (Stz. 1, 2 & 4) “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”  
*Kingsfold*

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

Advent Song #188    “Angels We Have Heard on High”    *Gloria*

**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 7:10-17

New Testament Reading      Romans 1:1-7

\*Gospel Reading      Matthew 1:18-25

\*Response #184      “What Child Is This”      *Greensleeves*

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

Advent Choir Anthem      “Baby, What You Goin’ to Be”  
*Arranged by Natalie Sleeth* Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Children’s Message    (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

Message      “A Simple Sign”  
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 #185 "Hark! The Harold Angels Sing" Mendelssohn

\*Spoken Benediction

\*Postlude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist  
\*Please stand if able

**ADVENT – Advent** is a 40-day period of fasting and waiting in preparation for the *Second Coming of Christ*. Christians remember God's promise: A Messiah will come to forgive and rescue, and bring to us the Kingdom of God. We look forward to Christ's return. 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" when we celebrate Christ's incarnation ("coming").

**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 celebrate 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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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Christmas Eve Service

December 24 @ 5:00 pm

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