

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

10:30 am



Mission Statement

“Our mission is to live and share the good news of God’s love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace.”

Jesus, small poor baby of Bethlehem,
be born again in our hearts today
be born again in our homes today
be born again in our congregations today
be born again in our neighborhoods today
be born again in our cities today
be born again in our nations today
be born again in our world today.
Amen.

Marian Wright Edelman

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Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. James Currie
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Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
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Service for the Lord's Day

Gathering Around the Word of God

Welcome and Life of the Church

Minute for Mission

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Richard Heeth

Prelude: *O Come, Emmanuel* Tune: *Veni Emmanuel*, 12th Century Latin/arr. by Jason Krug

Introit: #95 *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Jacques Bertier

†Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus says: I am coming soon. .

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness:

All: Prepare the way of the Lord!

†**Hymn of Praise:** #143 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Laboring God, with axe and winnowing fork you clear a holy space where hurt and destruction have no place, and a little child holds sway. Clear our lives of hatred and despair, sow seeds of joy and peace, that shoots of hope may spring forth and we may live in harmony with one another. Amen.

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

†**Glory Be to The Father (Gloria Patri) #581**

†**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Chancel Time with Children

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

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Anthem: *The Yearning*

Craig Courtney

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow.
There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide and in the shades of death abide,
a yearning for tomorrow.

There is a yearning for the promised One, the Firstborn of creation.
A yearning for the Lord who visited His own, and by His death for sin atoned,
to bring to us salvation.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.

There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of His appearing.
There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased we shall see the One who placed
within our hearts the yearning.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.

Proclaiming the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination #92: *While We Are Waiting, Come*

While we are waiting, come;

while we are waiting, come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,

while we are waiting, come.

Sermon: “(see insert): “Good Tidings of Great Joy”

Cross-generational Nativity

Responding to the Word of God

†**Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles' Creed (p. 35)

†**Hymn of Affirmation:** #123 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Away in a Manger*

William J. Kirkpatrick/arr. by Anne A. Davis

†**Doxology:** #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

†Prayer of Dedication

Taking the Word of God into the World

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

†**Hymn of Inspiration:** #113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

†Benediction

Response: #542 *Amen*

...to the tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

†**Postlude:** *Trumpet Tune and Ayre*

Jeremiah Clarke, ed. and arr. by S. Drummond Wolff