





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."

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First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17 , 2017 10:30 am

> Wouldn't it be wonderful if Advent came filled with angels and alleluias?

...An angel-filled Advent has so many possibilities! But in lieu of that, perhaps we can give thanks for the the good earthly joys we have been given and the earthly "angels" that we know who do such a good job of filling our Advent with alleluias!

Ann Weems from Kneeling in Bethlehem





Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. James Currie, Preaching Mark Corder, Liturgist Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director Martha McWilliams, Organist Barry Webb, Audio-Visual Ministry



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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: Faye Chapman, Donna & Brett Coe, Barbara & Brian Davis

Prelude: Wake, Awake For Night is Flying

Bach

Introit: #90 Wait for the Lord Jacques Berthier

†Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus says: I am coming soon. . **All:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord;

All: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

†Hymn of Praise: #105 Prepare the Way, O Zion

Call to Confession

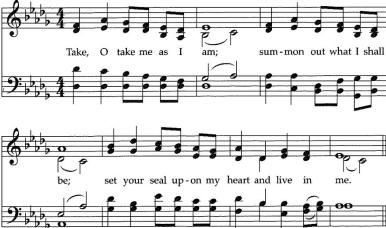
Corporate Prayer of Confession

O God of Isaiah and John the Baptist, through all such faithful ones you proclaim the unfolding of future joy and renewed life. Strengthen our hearts to believe your advent promise that one day we will walk in the holy way of Christ, where sorrow and sighing will be no more and the journey of God's people will be joy. Amen.

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

Take, O Take Me as I Am



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

Anthem: The Prophecy

Anna Laura Page

The wilderness will rejoice, the desert will bloom again, and all will see the glory, the glory of the Lord.

Do not be afraid, have no fear; the Lord will return and He will ransom you.

The deaf will hear His words, the dumb will laugh and shout, and all will see the glory, the glory of the Lord.

Do not be afraid, have no fear; the Lord will return and He will ransom you.

The Lord will return and send sorrow and sadness away, The Lord will return and bring gladness on that day!

The eyes of the blind will see, the cripple will jump for joy, and all will see the glory, the glory of the Lord!

Do not be afraid, have no fear; the Lord will return and He will ransom you.

The wilderness will rejoice, the desert will bloom again, and all will see the glory, the glory of the Lord.

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.

First Lesson: John 1:6-8, 19-28 (p. 750)

Sermon Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4 (p. 529)

Sermon: "A Conspiracy of Goodness"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

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

†Hymn of Affirmation: #97 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Haan

†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: #105 People, Look East

†Benediction

Response: #542 Amen

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

†Postlude: Savior of the Nations Come

Bach