

# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Third Sunday of Advent*

December 17, 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.”*

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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

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 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*

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**†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