

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 #43** (refrain): *On Eagle's Wings*

Michael Joncas

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

† **Postlude:** *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Carolyn Taylor

First Presbyterian Church
of Pasadena

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

10:30 am

Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity
Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes.

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry land, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes *shalom*.

Mary Louise Bringle, 2001

Mission Statement: On November 29, 2016, the Session of First Presbyterian Church adopted the following Mission Statement for our church:

“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.”

A mission statement is a formal statement of purpose and/or summary of the aims and values of an organization. As we move forward, may we try to live out this mission in everything we say and do.

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Service for the Lord's Day

Gathering Around the Word of God

Welcome and Life of the Church

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle: Bill and Pat McPhail
and Darcy and Avery McPhail

Prelude: *Silent Night* with *Clair de lune* Carolyn Taylor

Introit #90: *Wait for the Lord* Jacques Berthier

† Call to Worship:

Leader: Jesus says: I am coming soon.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Leader: Look! The young woman is with child;

All: she will call him Emmanuel: God is with us.

† **Hymn of Praise #119:** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Shepherd of Israel, may Jesus, Emmanuel and son of Mary, be more than just a dream in our hearts. With the apostles, prophets, and saints, save us, restore us, and lead us in the way of grace and peace, that we may bear your promise into the world. Amen.

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

#71: *Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me* (refrain only)

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.

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.
There is 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.
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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.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.

Proclaiming the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination #288: *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16 (p. 488)

Sermon Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 681)

Sermon: "Be Born In Us Today"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

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

† **Hymn of Affirmation #121** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Some Children See Him*

Carolyn Taylor

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

† **Prayer of Dedication**