

†**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:** *I Saw Three Ships*

arr. Cathy Taylor

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

10:30 am

He who by a mother's love made the wandering world his own,
Every year comes from above, comes the parted to atone,
Binding Earth to the Father's throne.

Nay, thou comest every day! No, thou never didst depart!
Never hour has been away! Always with us, Lord, thou art,
Binding, binding, heart to heart!

George MacDonald (1824-1905)



Growing in Grace and Gratitude

Leading in Worship Today...

Rev. Jim Currie, Preaching
Jo Ann Currie, Liturgist
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
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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

Minute for Mission

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: Dallas, Christine, and Stephen Hughey

Prelude: *The Angel Gabriel*

FPC Handbells

Cathy Mocklebust

Introit #92: *While We Are Waiting, Come*

Don Cason

† 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 #93:** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

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

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**

Anthem: *O Come, Emmanuel*

Peter Paul Olejar

O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's deep shadows put to flight.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind all people in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

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.

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 #128:** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

arr. Cathy Taylor

† **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**