

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

10:30 am

You are above me, O God, you are within.
You are in all things yet contained by no thing.
Teach me to seek you in all that has life
that I may see you as the Light of life.
Teach me to search for you in my own depths
that I may find you in every living soul.

(from J. Philip Newell's *Sounds of the Eternal*, p. 2)



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Leading in Worship Today...

The Rev. Jim Currie Preaching
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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: Bill and Pat McPhail

Prelude: *Sleepers Awake*

J. S. Bach

Introit #91: *Come, Come Emmanuel*

James J. Chepponis

†Call to Worship:

Leader: The days are coming, says the Lord,

All: when the promise will be fulfilled.

Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away,

All: but God's word will stand forever.

†**Hymn of Praise #82:** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, we confess that we resist your holy realm. You seek justice and righteousness, but we pursue selfish agendas. You promise us salvation, but we trust in our own strength. Forgive us, God of grace. Lead us in your way of truth so that we may be ready to see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

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) #580**

†**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: *Every Valley*

John Ness Beck

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain made low;
and the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together;
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
Amen.

Proclaiming the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination #466: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia!

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p. 562)

Sermon Lesson: Luke 21:25-36 (p. 746)

Sermon: "Between the Times"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

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

†**Hymn of Affirmation #357:** *The Days Are Surely Coming*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Improvisation

†**Doxology #609:** *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 #601:** *Amen*

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†**Postlude:** *Noel*

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