

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015

10:30 am

Early in the morning I seek your presence, O God,
not because you are ever absent from me but because often I am
absent from you at the heart of each moment where you forever dwell.
In the rising of the sun, in the unfolding color and shape of the morning
open my eyes to the mystery of this moment that in every moment of the day
I may know your life-giving presence.
Open my eyes to this moment that in every moment
I may know you as the One who is always now.

(from J. Philip Newell's *Sounds of the Eternal*, p. 74)



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Leading in Worship Today..

The Rev. Jim Currie Preaching
Bonnie Keith, Liturgist
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
Martha Braswell, 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 of Peace: Lavinia & Sarah Brown

Prelude: *Pat a Pan*

Margaret Bardin & Martha Braswell

Introit #85: *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*

Yiddish Folk Song

† Call to Worship:

Leader: Let us magnify the Lord together!

All: Let us rejoice in God our Savior.

Leader: For a child will come from Bethlehem

All: to redeem the people of God.

† Hymn of Praise #143: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, we confess that we resist your holy realm. You look with favor on the poor while we treat the lowly with disdain. You scatter the plans of the proud while we aspire to power and privilege. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us what you desire, so that our hearts may leap with joy at the coming of our Savior; 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: *The King Shall Come*

arr. Walter Ehret

The King shall come when morning dawns, and light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.
Not as of old a little child, to bear, and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

O brighter than that glorious morn shall this fair morning be,
When Christ, our King in beauty comes and we His face shall see.
The King shall come when morning dawns, and light and beauty brings.
Hail Christ, the Lord! Thy people pray,
Come quickly, King of Kings!

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: Luke 1:39-55 (p. 724)

Sermon Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a (p. 658)

Sermon: "The Runt of the Litter"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

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

† Hymn of Affirmation #115: *Away in a Manger*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *What Child is This*

Margaret Bardin & Martha Braswell

† 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 #128: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

† Benediction

† Response: *Sevenfold Amen*

John Stainer

† Postlude: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Wilbur Held