

# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Second Sunday of Advent*

December 6, 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 of Love: the Reed family

**Prelude:** *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

FPC Handbells

Joel Raney

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

Don Cason

#### †Call to Worship:

Leader: I am sending a messenger, says the Lord,

**All: to prepare the way before me.**

Leader: Even now, a voice is crying out:

**All: Prepare the way of the Lord!**

#### †Hymn of Praise #106: *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, we confess that we resist your holy realm. You come with fire to cleanse us, yet we remain in our corruption. You come with water to save us, yet we persist in our sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Prepare the way in us to greet the one who is coming, so that we may see your salvation; 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:** *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates*

William Mathias

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,  
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,  
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

#### **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 3:1-6 (p. 726)

#### **Sermon Lesson:** Zephaniah 3:7-18 (p. 666)

#### **Sermon:** "I Will Bring You Home"

Rev. Jim Currie

#### **Responding to the Word of God**

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

#### †Hymn of Affirmation #110: *Love Has Come*

#### Offering Our Gifts to God

#### Offertory Music: *People Look East*

Wilbur Held

#### †Doxology #609: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

#### †Prayer of Dedication

#### **Taking the Word of God into the World**

#### †Hymn of Inspiration #146: *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

#### †Benediction

#### †Response #95: *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Jacques Berthier

#### †Postlude: *Noel*

Louis Claude Da'Quin