

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 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.

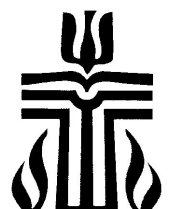
(from J. Philip Newell's *Sounds of the Eternal*, p. 74)



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Leading in Worship Today...

The Rev. Jim Currie Preaching
Jo Ann Currie, 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 Joy: Carrie Walker, Bonnie & Jim Keith

Prelude: *Christmas Mosaic*

Wilbur Held

Introit #90: *Wait for the Lord* (Psalm 27)

Jacques Berthier

† Call to Worship:

Leader: Sing praise and shout for joy!

All: The Lord God is in our midst.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

All: Again, rejoice! The Lord is near.

† **Hymn of Praise #97:** *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night.*

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, we confess that we resist your holy realm. You deliver us from judgment but we continue to judge one another. You seek to restore our lives but we fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us, God of grace. Baptize us with Spirit and fire so that we may be ready to meet you when you come again in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**

Anthem: *Do You Hear What I Hear?*

arr. Harry Simeone

Said the night wind to the little lamb, "Do you see what I see?

Way up in the sky, little lamb, do you see what I see?

A star, a star, dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite."

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear?

Ring in the sky, shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear?

A song, a song high above the tree, with a voice as big as the sea."

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, "Do you know what I know?

In your palace warm, mighty king, do you know what I know?

A Child, a Child shivers in the cold, let us bring Him silver and gold."

Said the king to the people everywhere, "Listen to what I say:

Pray for peace, people everywhere! Listen to what I say:

The Child, the Child sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light,

He will bring us goodness and light. Bring us light!"

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!

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 #134:** *Joy to the World*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Johannes Brahms

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

† **Prayer of Dedication**

Taking the Word of God into the World

† **Hymn of Inspiration #113:** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

† **Benediction**

† **Response #86:** *The People Who Walked in Darkness*

Sally Ann Morris

† **Postlude:** *Magnificat*

Marcel Dupre