

Taking the Word of God into the World

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

†**Hymn of Inspiration: #140** *Once in Royal David's City*

†**Benediction**

†**Response: #88** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 2)*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

†**Postlude: Rejoice In The Lord**

James Mansfield



Mission Statement:

“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.”

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First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

10:30 am

Jesus, small poor baby of Bethlehem,
be born again in our hearts today
be born again in our homes today
be born again in our congregations today
be born again in our neighborhoods today
be born again in our cities today
be born again in our nations today
be born again in our world today.
Amen.

Marian Wright Edelman



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Service for the Lord's Day
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Welcome and Life of the Church

Minute for Mission

Joy Gift

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Lighting of the Advent Candle:

FPC Youth

Prelude: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

FPC Handbells

John Francis Wade

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

Yiddish Folk Song

†Call to Worship:

Leader: In this season of waiting, our God comes.

All: Come suddenly, Holy God, into our slow expectations and fill us with peace and love.

Leader: In this holy season of peace and wonder, our Savior comes.

All: And challenges us to share the Gospel of peace for all.

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, Preparer of the way, to walk with our sisters and brothers down the path of peace.

All: Let us worship God together.

†Hymn of Praise: #105 *People, Look East (verses. 1,3,4,5)*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Holy God of Advent, You witness the sorts of lives we lead. We pray that, in Your mercy, You will fill us with Your Gospel of peace instead. Teach us to overcome our reluctance to speak out for justice for others. Silence our grumbling and fill our mouths with joy and praise. Have mercy on us, God of peace, and prepare our hearts for Your forgiveness. Fill us with Your love so we might lighten the shadows of others. Transform us with the tender mercy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

(x 2)

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: God is our witness. We have spoken of our lives and been forgiven of every sin we have made, every hurt we have caused.

All: We are held in God's heart, not only on this day, but all the days of our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

†Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain): #113

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Chancel Time with Children

Jessie Kuehner

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

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Anthem: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Ralph Hunter

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 thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Day spring from on high and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

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Prayer for Illumination: #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11 (p. 830)

Sermon Lesson: Luke 3:1-6 (p. 726)

Sermon: "Calling the Insignificant"

Rev. Helen Rose Moore

Responding to the Word of God

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

†Hymn of Affirmation: #103 *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *I Wonder as I Wander*

Barbara Dunn - soprano

John Jacob Niles

†Doxology: #143 *Angels, from the realms of Glory (verse 4)*

†Prayer of Dedication (unison):

Most holy God, You come in this holy season with the simple gift of life. You invite us to share from the abundance of our lives, so others may be filled with life and the peace only Christ brings. Bless these gifts we offer to You, so they may be used to share the Gospel of peace and welcome for all. In Christ's holy Name we pray.