

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

10:30 am

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.”



Lord Jesus,
for eternities now,
heaven and earth,
like fond grandparents,
have thrilled at the sight
of the children’s children
ever bringing forth children...
And now,
amid the starlit night,
comes the incomparable Child,
the smile of God
and tenderness toward mankind.
We beg you, Lord,
revive in us
the joy of your joy
for ever and ever.

Piere Talec, France
from Prayers Encircling the World



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Leading in Worship Today

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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: *Bethlehem Market* Bonnie Keith

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Tica, Al, & Mia Dickman; Trey & Tyler Cooper;
Brian & Barbara Davis

Prelude: *In Thee is Gladness (BWV 552)* J.S. Bach

Introit: #91 *Come, Come Emmanuel* James J. Chepponis

†Call to Worship:

Leader: Come all who seek truth—let us go up to the Lord's house,

All: that we might learn holy ways and follow right paths.

Leader: Come—all nations, all peoples—stream through open gates,

All: that we might gather in the hallways of justice, the courts of peace.

Leader: Come—children of God—let us walk in the light of the Lord!

All: With hope in our hearts, let us worship God.

†**Hymn of Praise: #88** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (stanzas 1-4)*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, You set before us the way of goodness and beckon us to follow you, but we disregard your teachings and disobey your word. You call people of every land to dwell in harmony, but we sow division and harvest discord. You command us to craft tools that sustain life, but we cling to weapons that damage and destroy. Forgive us, Lord. Your creation yearns for wholeness; your people long for justice and peace. Keep us ever watchful and awaken us to your ways as we wait in hope for the light of the world.

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

Response: #437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!*

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

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): #581**

†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 Prophecy*

Anna Laura Page

The wilderness will rejoice, the desert will bloom again,
and all will see the glory, the glory of the Lord.

Do not be afraid, have no fear; the Lord will return and he will ransom you.

The deaf will hear his words, the dumb will laugh and shout,
and all will see the glory, the glory of the Lord.

Do not be afraid, have no fear; the Lord will return and he will ransom you.

The Lord will return and send sorrow and sadness away,
the Lord will return and bring gladness on that day!

The eyes of the blind will see, the cripple will jump for joy,
and all will see the glory, the glory of the Lord!

Do not be afraid, have no fear; the Lord will return and he will ransom you.

The wilderness will rejoice, the desert will bloom again,
and all will see the glory, the glory of the Lord!

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

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5 (p. 484)

Sermon Lessons: Matthew 24:36-44 (p. 701)

Sermon: "Keep Ready!"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

Responding to the Word of God

†**Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (p. 34)**

†**Hymn of Affirmation: #350** *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Now Come, Savior of the Heathen (BuxWV 211)*

Dietrich Buxtehude

†**Doxology: #606** *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: #362** *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

†Benediction

†**Response: #377** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (verse 3)*

Kathleen Thomerson

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

†**Postlude:** *Festival Toccata*

Percy Fletcher

Kindly remain in silence during the closing postlude, or depart very quietly.



†*Please stand as you are able.*