

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 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.”



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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Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair, 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: *Joy Gift* Margaret Bardin

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Glenda and Frank Kucera; Ann Prescott

Prelude: *Praeludium in C Major (BuxWV 137)* Dietrich Buxtehude

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

†Call to Worship:

Leader: Can you imagine?

All: The wolf lives with the lamb; the leopard rests with the goat.

Leader: Can you imagine?

All: Knowledge of the Lord fills the land; righteousness reigns o'er all the earth.

Leader: The Lord's light shines on a weary world— illuminating possibility, beckoning us to hope.

All: With peace in our hearts, let us worship God!

†**Hymn of Praise:** #82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Holy One, Christ is coming; your kingdom is drawing near. We cannot remain unchanged. As we prepare the way for the Prince of Peace, help us abandon wayward wanderings and return to faithful paths. We have neglected to plead the case of the poor, and ignored the needs of the afflicted. We have denied our part in systems that oppress, and turned a blind eye toward injustice. Renew our minds and transform our hearts, that our lives might bear the fruit of compassion and care. Baptize us with your Spirit, and claim us again for your holy work, until you come in glory.

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: *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 might, 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!

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 11:1-10 (p. 491)

Sermon Lessons: Matthew 3:1-12 (p. 682)

Sermon: "Repent!"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

Responding to the Word of God

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

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

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Invention No. 14 in B-flat Major (BWV 785)* J.S. Bach

†**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:** #96 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

†**Benediction**

†**Response:** #839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine (verse 3)*

Phoebe Palmer Knapp

Perfect submission, all is at rest;

I in my Savior am happy and blest,

watching and waiting, looking above,

filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;

this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

†**Postlude:** *Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German

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



†*Please stand as you are able.*