

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

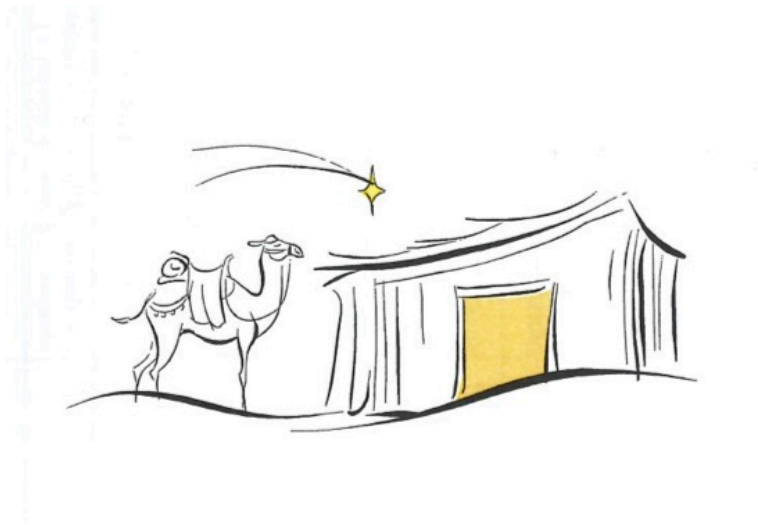
Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 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.”



Wouldn't it be wonderful
if Advent came filled with angels and alleluias?

...An angel-filled Advent has so many possibilities!
But in lieu of that,
perhaps we can give thanks
for the the good earthly joys we have been given
and the earthly “angels” that we know
who do such a good job of filling
our Advent with alleluias!

Ann Weems from Kneeling in Bethlehem



Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair, Preaching
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Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
Ron Ollis, Organist
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Service for the Lord's Day

Gathering Around the Word of God

Welcome and Life of the Church

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Tom & Kathleen Hoffman, Chrissi & Kensi Ellis

Prelude *Sleepers Awake, A Voice is Calling (BWV 645)*

J.S. Bach

Introit #90 *Wait for the Lord*

Jacques Berthier

†Call to Worship

Leader: Say to those of a fearful heart: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

All: Behold! The glory of the Lord shines upon us!

Leader: Say to those with weak hands and feeble knees: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

All: Behold! In splendor the Lord dwells among us!

Leader: The barren lands burst into bloom; the desert erupts with delight. We join creation's song:

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

†**Hymn of Praise #105** *People, Look East*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Coming God, You enter into our weary world to lift up the lowly and fill the hungry, and to establish equity throughout the earth. Like perplexed prophets and doubting disciples, we confess that there are times when we doubt that you can and will right the world. We see suffering, sorrow, and sin and wonder if creation is beyond repair. Broaden our imaginations, that we can conceive of communities where all people thrive and embody your vision of peace. Expand our hearts, that we may see the extraordinary in our midst and embrace the everlasting joy you bring. Make us prophets of the world you are bringing to birth, that we may prepare a way before you and welcome you with gladness. We pray in the name of your Son, whose coming we anticipate.

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.

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

Anthem *Advent Promise*

Ruth Elaine Schram

Chrissi Ellis, flute

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son; and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father; the Prince of Peace.

For unto us a Child is born, a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and He shall reign on David's throne forever; and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father; the Prince of Peace.

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.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 35:1-10 (p. 508)

New Testament Reading Matthew 11:2-6 (p. 688)

Sermon "Jesus, Are You the One?"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

Responding to the Word of God

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

†**Hymn of Affirmation #108** *Of the Father's Love Begotten (stanzas 1-5)*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music *Prepare the Royal Highway*

Paul Manz

†**Doxology #108** *Of the Father's Love Begotten (stanza 6)*

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,

hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.

Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory evermore and evermore! Amen.

†**Prayer of Dedication**

Taking the Word of God into the World

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

†**Hymn of Inspiration #104** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

†**Benediction**

†**Response #601** *Amen*

Danish

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

†**Postlude** *Trumpet Tune in C Major*

David Johnson

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



†*Please stand as you are able.*