



First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 05, 2020

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.”

Love. Grow. Serve.

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We are going into a new year.
Many human plans and mistakes,
much hostility and need
will determine our path.

But as long as we stay with Jesus
and go with him,
we can be certain that we too
can encounter nothing that God
has not already foreseen, willed, and promised.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer from Wonder of Wonders

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Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies?
Yet not one of them is forgotten in God’s sight.
But even the hairs of your head are all counted.
Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Luke 12:6-7



Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair, Preaching
Barbara Davis, Liturgist
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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

Minute for Mission *PIM Brotherhood Banquet*

Lavinia Brown

Prelude *In Thee Is Gladness (BWV 615)*

J.S. Bach

Introit #141 *On This Day Earth Shall Ring (verses 3 & 4)*

arr. Gustav Holst

†Call to Worship

Leader: From distant lands and faraway shores, God calls us together.

All: Like a shepherd tending his flock, God gathers us in.

Leader: Along straight paths and cleared byways, God guides our journey.

All: Like a mother taking her firstborn's hand, God leads us home.

Leader: Praise the Lord, O people! Shout for joy!

All: Let us sing aloud with gladness. Let us worship the Lord!

†**Hymn of Praise** #147 *The First Nowell (verses 1-5)*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you call us to testify to the light of Christ, which enlightens everyone, but we hide in the shadows and shrink from bearing witness to the light. Yet, even now, you dwell among us, full of grace and truth. Empower us to embody your love and embrace your hope. Long after the wreaths and ribbons are packed away, remind us that your light still pierces the darkness. Sustain our joy, surround us with peace, and inspire us to bear witness to your abundant grace and enduring truth.

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!

†Response

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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†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 *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?

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? Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy?

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?

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!

The child, the child sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light."

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.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 147:12-20 (p. 448)

New Testament Reading Ephesians 1:3-14 (p. 827)

Sermon "According to Plan"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

Responding to the Word of God

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

†**Hymn of Affirmation** #149 *All Hail to God's Anointed*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music *In Dulci Jubilo (BWV 729)*

J.S. Bach

†**Response:** #143 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory (verse 4)*

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,

evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:

come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

†Prayer of Dedication

Taking the Word of God into the World

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

†**Hymn of Inspiration** #151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

†Benediction

†**Response** #110 *Love Has Come (verse 3)*

Love has come and never will leave us!

Love is life everlasting and free.

Love is Jesus within and among us.

Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love! Love!

Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

†**Postlude** *Kings of Orient*

arr. Michael Cox

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



†*Please stand as you are able.*