



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



West Side Presbyterian Church  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
1st Sunday of Advent



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*December 2, 2018*

*10:15 am Service*

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Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

-Isaiah 58:6-8

Then the King will say to those at His right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you gave Me clothing, I was sick and you took care of Me, I was in prison and you visited Me."

-Matthew 25:34-36

He went to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day He went into the synagogue, as was His custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the LORD is on me,  
because He has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.

*Continued.*

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor."

Then He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone  
in the synagogue were fastened on Him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture  
is fulfilled in your hearing."

-Luke 4:17-21

So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

-James 2:17

## ~ The Preparation for the Word ~

### **PRELUDE**

**Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659** Johann Sebastian Bach

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus says: "I am coming soon."

And so, we enter the time of Advent, of waiting.

**The world says, "All is lost."**

God says, "All are loved."

**The darkness says, "The light is dying."**

The light says, "The fire is catching."

**Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."**

Hope says, "Wait, watch and listen."

### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE 9**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

VENI EMMANUEL

### **THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

*Peter and Donna Dykstra*

### **THE PREPARATION**

Choir: Prepare your hearts to receive the **hope** of the world.

Congregation:



Our hearts are o - pen; we wel-come him with joy-ful song!

The Family: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; anyone who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Family Member: Why do we light one candle?

Family Member: We light one candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days of **hope** as foretold in Isaiah, chapter 61, verse 1 and repeated by Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 4, verses 18 and 19: "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." LET US WALK IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD!

### **THE RESPONSE** (congregation)



Christ is the Hope of the world, pre - pare to wel - come him.

Christ is the Hope of the world, lift up your hearts and sing! Al - le -

lu - ias we bring our Re - deem-er and King! He brings us Hope a - gain.

Family Member: In silence, let us confess our sin  
and pray for God's forgiveness  
as we prepare for the second coming of Christ.

*(a moment of silent confession and prayer)*

### **CONFESSION RESPONSE Hymn 7, verse 4**

MIT FREUDEN ZART

**O wounded hands of Jesus, build in us Your new creation;  
our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled, we wait Your revelation.  
O Love that triumphs over loss, we bring our hearts before Your cross;  
come, finish Your salvation.**

*(time for silent confession)*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Redeemer, come, I open wide my heart to Thee, here Lord, abide.  
Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.

**\*THE PEACE**

*Children should leave to join their Sunday School small groups during the Peace.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

~ The Proclamation of the Word ~

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

**James 2:14-17**  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Craig Ollenschlegler*

**SERMON**

**Prophets Then, Prophets Now (Part One): God's Beggars** *Juan Galloway,*  
*New York City Relief*

~ The Response to the Word ~

**\*RESPONSE OF FAITH**

Belhar Confession

Section 4

*Please see the copy in your pew.*

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNITY**

**While We Are Waiting, Come**

Donald Cason

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

setting, Gustav Holst

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

*The Anthem continues.*

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood  
He will give to all the faithful His own Self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
“Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most High!” Amen.

-Liturgy of St. James, paraphrase, Gerard Moultrie

***\*DOXOLOGY HYMN 68, verse 4***

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

**To God, the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
May every tongue and nation raise an endless song of thankful praise.**

~ The Sacrament of Holy Communion ~

***\*INVITATION***

***\*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING***

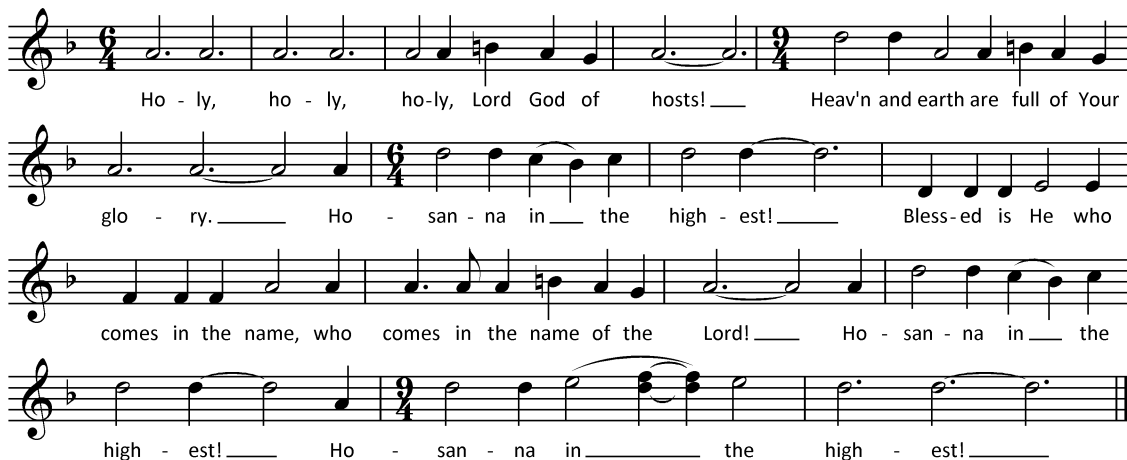
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are You, O Lord our God:

**You formed us in Your image  
and set us in this world to love and serve You.  
When we were stubborn and willful,  
You spoke to us through prophets  
who looked for that day  
when justice shall triumph,  
and hope and peace shall reign over all the earth.**

Therefore we praise You,  
joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**\*SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts! Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the  
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:

**You sent Him into this world  
to bring freedom to captives of sin,  
and to establish justice for the oppressed.**

**He came among us as one of us,  
taking the lot of the poor,  
sharing in human suffering,  
dying an unjust death.**

Remembering Your goodness and grace,  
we offer ourselves to You with gratitude  
as we share this joyful feast.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain!

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and cup;  
make us one in the body and blood  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.



**In this banquet,  
nourish us for the work ahead:  
to bring good news to the poor,  
to shelter and feed the homeless,  
to visit the prisoner,  
to welcome the stranger,  
to comfort the sick,  
to console those who mourn.**

Through the Lord Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Spirit,  
we bless You, God of glory,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **AGNUS DEI**



Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: grant us Your peace.

## **RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

*Communion will be by intinction. Please approach by way of the center aisle, receive the bread offered by the server, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat by the outer aisle. A gluten-free option is available at the head of the center aisle. If you wish to receive Communion, but cannot come forward, please signal the usher as your row is called to come forward and you will be served in your seat.*

**MUSIC AT COMMUNION**

**Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland**

Helmut Walcha

**COMMUNION PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(hymnal page 16, using debts/debtors)*

## ~ The Sending ~

**\*HYMN 14**

**Savior of the Nations, Come**

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

**\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661** Johann Sebastian Bach

*You are welcome to listen to the Postlude.*

*If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

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Our worship has ended. May our service to God and others continue.

**Greeters:** We thank Christina Dyer, Harris and Cooper Fleming, and Anna Levy for greeting today.

**Procession of Worship Elements:** The worship elements are being carried in this morning by Peter and Donna Dykstra.

**Lay Leadership:** We thank Peter and Donna Dykstra, Craig Ollenschleger and Juan Galloway for their leadership in worship today. If you are interested in being a lay reader during the 10:15 am Sunday service, please contact Lucy Ianacone (Lianacone@optonline.net; 201-445-6824).

**Sanctuary Flowers:** Flowers are a wonderful way to remember a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. If you wish to dedicate flowers, please contact Russell Clark (rjclark100@gmail.com; 201-788-5968).

**Coffee Hour:** We thank all those who contributed their gifts to coffee hour this morning.

**Visitor Information Bags** are available in the Narthex. If you are visiting with us today, please  
10 feel free to take one.

## Worship Values, Practices and Information

Congregational participation is the hallmark of Reformed Worship. Hymns, responses, corporate prayers and readings belong to *you, the people* and express the voice of the individual and the larger body of the Church. We hope the following notes will help you to join us in our liturgy.

- An asterisk (\*) indicates the congregation may stand.
- Boldface type signifies congregational participation.
- First and final stanzas of hymns are usually sung in unison, middle stanzas in parts.
- Share your prayer concerns on the cards provided in the pew rack. Ushers will collect the cards during the announcements.
- Those arriving after the Call to Worship begins will be seated during the next hymn or the passing of the peace. If you must leave the Sanctuary during worship, please wait in the Narthex until the next hymn, the passing of the peace or the doxology before returning to your seat. Please help us protect and care for our beautiful worship space. Food and beverages, with the exception of closed plastic water bottles, are not allowed in the Sanctuary.
- ***Please turn off your cell phone before worship begins.***
- Large print bulletins and hymnals are available in the Narthex.
- Assistive listening devices are available by contacting one of the ushers.
- Throughout the Sanctuary, there are a number of spaces available for wheelchairs. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Video of the service is available online at [www.westside.org](http://www.westside.org). We have live streaming video on Sunday mornings.
- In case of emergency: our AED Unit is on the wall across from the reception desk and the First Aid kit is in the closet across from the reception desk.

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