

SECOND Sunday of Advent

West Side Presbyterian Church

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December 9, 2018

10:15 am Service

For I am the LORD your God; sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy.

-Leviticus 11:44

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

-Ezekiel 36:26

But who can endure the day of His coming, and who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.

-Malachi 3:2-3

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

-II Corinthians 5:17

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

-Galatians 2:19-20

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

-Philippians 1:6

All who cleanse themselves of the things I have mentioned will become special utensils, dedicated and useful to the owner of the house, ready for every good work.

-II Timothy 2:21

For this is the will of God, your sanctification..."

-I Thessalonians 4:3

~ The Preparation for the Word ~

PRELUDE

Awake, Awake

Hermann Schroeder

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

A voice cries out in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord.

MEN: Every valley shall be filled.

WOMEN: Every heart shall be made whole,

ALL: for peace is stronger than turmoil,
and love is louder than hate.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 13**

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Patrick and Esmé Elkins, and Luke

THE PREPARATION

Choir and bells: Prepare your hearts to receive the **peace** of the world.

Congregation:



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

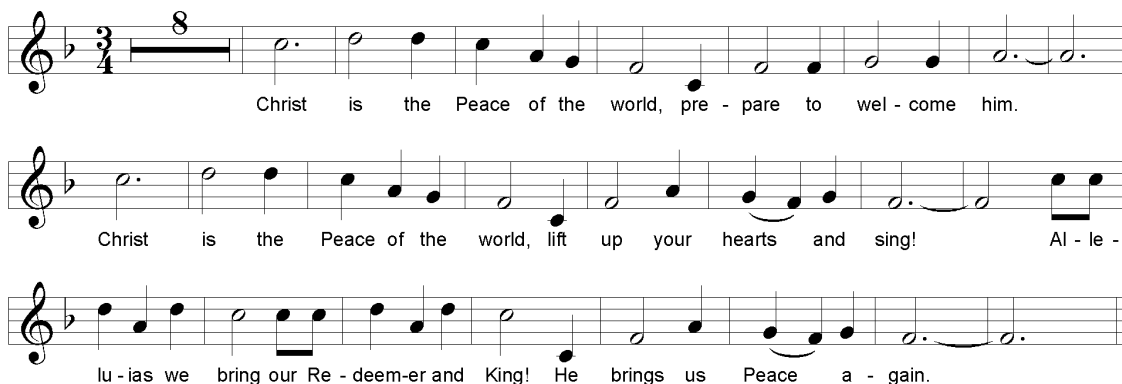
The Family: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; anyone who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Family Member: Why do we light two candles?

Family Member: We light two candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days of **hope** and **peace** as told in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5, verses 8 and 9: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

* The congregation may stand.

THE RESPONSE (Congregation)



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

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

lu - ias we bring our Re - deem-er and King! He brings us Peace 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)

CONFESSIO RESPONSE HYMN 1

STUTTGART

**Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THANKSGIVING RESPONSE HYMN 1

**By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone.
By Thine all-sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

*THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ The Proclamation of the Word ~

MOMENT FOR MISSION

*Andrea Szott,
New York City Relief*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Jane French

SERMON

**Prophets Then, Prophets Now (Part Two):
Refiner's Fire**

Rev. Marc Oehler

~ The Response to the Word ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Belhar Confession
Please see the copy in your pew.

Section 4

MUSIC FOR COMMUNITY

While We Are Waiting, Come

Donald Cason

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 ANTHEM

And He Shall Purify

George Frideric Handel

And He shall purify the sons of Levi,
that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.
-Malachi 3:3

***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 Sending ~

***HYMN 20**

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

ABERYSTWYTH

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness, BWV 608

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 Alice Brees and Beverly Fitzgerald for greeting today.

Procession of Worship Elements: The worship elements are being carried in this morning by Patrick and Esmé Elkins, and Luke.

Lay Leadership: We thank Jane French and Andrea Szott for their leadership in worship today. We also thank Patrick and Esmé Elkins, and Luke. 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: Requesting sanctuary flowers is 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: You're invited to experience the hospitality of The Relief Bus during coffee hour today. Please go to the plaza for a cup of hot chocolate or coffee and treats. The setup will mirror The Relief Bus setup so that you can experience an example of the mobile outreach yourself. Feel free to bring your drink back to the Narthex where it is warm, mindful that the guests that New York City Relief serves eat their soup and drink their hot chocolate outdoors—even on cold days.



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. 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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