



# WELCOME TO WEST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Advent • December 8, 2019

## 8:15 AM CHAPEL WORSHIP

### WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Variations on STUTTART

Austin C. Lovelace

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

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**as we watch for the glorious return of Christ, our judge and Savior,  
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one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 3

Comfort, Comfort You My People

PSALM 42

#### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

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

*Silent Confession and prayer.*

\* The congregation may stand.

**CONFESSION RESPONSE *Hymn 1, verse 1***

STUTT GART

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**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Hymn 1, verse 4***

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By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
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**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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**SCRIPTURE**

**Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13**

**\*HYMN 602**

**Song of Zechariah**

MERLE'S TUNE

**SERMON**

**Sing to the Lord a New Song (Verse Two): Peace**

*Rev. Marc Oehler*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*RESPONSE OF FAITH**

**James 3:17-18**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERING**

**\*HYMN 13**

**Prepare the Way**

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

**\*COMMUNION**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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## 9:00 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

### \*OPENING SONGS

**Make Us One, O Come O Come Emmanuel, No Longer Slaves, Broken Vessels**

*Children leave to join their Sunday School small groups after the first song.*

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### \*CLOSING SONG

**Do It Again**

### \*ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

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## SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

**8:00 am** - Infants and Toddlers - Room 202

**9:00 am & 10:15 am** - Sunday School - Rooms 206, 306, 311, 312 and Serenity Room

**9:00 am** - Gospel of Luke - Conference Room

**9:45 am** - Centering Prayer - Serenity Room

**11:15 am** - Prayer Circle - Pulsifer Chapel

**11:30 am** - Sermon Talk Back - Pulsifer Chapel

**11:30 am** - Good Grief - West Side Room

**6:00 pm** - FOCUS - Off Site

**6:00 pm** - High School Choir - Large Choir Room

**7:00 pm** - High School BARN - Off Site

# 10:15 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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*Thomas and Christine Cha, Benjamin and Lauren*

### THE PREPARATION

Choir: 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 this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means COMING. We are preparing for the days of **hope** and **peace** as we join our voices with the Psalmist who sings: "Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His faithful, to those who turn to Him in their hearts. (Psalm 85:8)

LET US WALK IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD!

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## THE RESPONSE

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.

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### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come**

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him  
who freed us from our sins,  
who loved us all and shed His blood  
that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,  
the Lord, Almighty God,  
who was and is and is to come;  
sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
and night shall be no more;  
they need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
for Christ will be their All!

-Ruth Manz (Reflecting on Revelation, Chapter 22)

### \*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

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### POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying

Paul Manz

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Christmas Concert Today

Bring your family and friends to kick off the season at our Christmas Concert **TODAY at 3:00 pm**. A holiday experience for all ages, it will feature some of your favorite carols, the wonderful sounds of an inter-generational choir, bell ringers and wind instruments and, of course, opportunities to sing along. Light refreshments will be served in the Narthex following the concert.



### Bereavement Support Group Today

Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one? Come to our bereavement support group, Good Grief, **TODAY at 11:30 am** in the West Side Room. We'll be working with Paula D'Arcy's powerful book *The Winter of the Heart: Finding Your Way Through the Mystery of Grief*.

### Help and Hope for the Working Homeless

In partnership with **Family Promise**, we will be hosting a homeless family in the Barn **December 8 to 15**. If you can help out with grab-and-go breakfast items, dinner (12/13) or sleeping overnight (12/11, 12/12, 12/14), please email Laura Given (givnclan@gmail.com) ASAP.

### Memorial Poinsettia Deadline: Tuesday

If you'd like to honor a loved one with a poinsettia, and contribute to the Christmas decorations in the church, please pick up a form in the Narthex. The deadline for donations to be included in the Christmas Eve memorial listing is **December 10**.



### Christmas Gift Drive for Oasis

We're collecting toys and gift cards for the children of **Oasis**. *New unwrapped toys* (for boys and girls up to age 12) and gift cards (\$10 to \$20 for Modell's, Marshalls, Amazon, Dunkin' Donuts and/or Burger King) may be dropped off in the Narthex by **December 15**.

### New Artist in The Gallery

We're excited to welcome artist **Roberta Oliver** to The Gallery for the month of December. Roberta, a native New Jerseyan, began drawing and painting as far back as she can remember. Summer days were spent outdoors in Morris County, hiking in the mountainous woods or helping the local farmer milk cows and feed animals. This fueled her love for nature and all that it encompasses, and became her inspiration for the subjects she chooses. Roberta enjoys bringing into focus a close-up of nature—the details of a swan, an acorn or a leaf reflecting in a pond. She also loves to paint portraits that magnify the feelings in the eyes of her subjects. Be sure to visit The Gallery any time the church is open. See something you like...perhaps as a Christmas gift? 25 percent of sales will be donated to West Side.

### Third Thursday Christmas Party

Guys, you're invited to a Christmas Party at Ron Ledwith's home in Ridgewood on **December 19 at 7:30 pm**. Please RSVP to Anne Lee (alee@westside.org) by December 16.

### Annual Christmas Pageant

Families with young children: Join us for our annual "pop-up" Christmas pageant on **December 22** at the 9:00 am and 10:15 am services! No advance preparation is needed. Just come to church 15 minutes before the service starts and pick up a costume (animals, wise men, shepherds, angels and more). Children will be invited to participate in the interactive telling of the Christmas story. Adults get to participate too—from their seats. Please note: The 8:15 am Chapel Service will be pageant free.



### Family Christmas Celebration

Head down to DePhillips Hall after the Christmas Pageant for a good old-fashioned Christmas celebration—crafts, cookie decorating, caroling around the piano and more!

## IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME VISITING?

Welcome! We're so glad you're here. We look forward to helping you connect with others, grow more deeply in your faith and enrich your own life by serving others. Wherever you are on life's journey, there's a place for you at West Side.

Please stop by the visitor table located just inside the front doors, fill out a Let's Connect card and pick up a visitor bag. And please stay after worship to enjoy coffee/tea and refreshments in the Narthex and meet our members and pastors:

Rev. Marc Oehler, pastor, moehler@westside.org

Rev. Penny Hogan, associate pastor, phogan@westside.org

Rev. Liz Junod, pastoral associate, ljunod@westside.org

Deborah Holden-Holloway, minister of music, dholden-holloway@westside.org

Erik Eickhoff, associate minister of music, eeickhoff@westside.org

Eric Hufschmid, contemporary music leader, ehufschmid@westside.org

**To learn more about our faith community, and to see a complete staff directory, please visit [westside.org](http://westside.org).**

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