

Welcome to West Baptist Church

2nd Sunday of Advent in Year B – Love Sunday
Sunday, December 10th, 2017 - 9:30 AM



“It’s a time in the church year when we recall those we have known & loved but see no longer.”

~David Winter in *Seasons of the Son*

*All who are able, please stand
Please join with the congregation in reading the **bolded** text aloud.*

PRELUDE Sylvester Skipper

GREETING AND WELCOME Stephanie Wyatt

*Greeting of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Adapted from Isaiah 40*

A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, **make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**
Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; **the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.**
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, **for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

First Sunday of Advent – Candle of Love

*HYMN #100 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL
vs. 1, 2, 4

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer followed by The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

CHURCH OFFERING

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*The Doxology – note special lyrics for Advent

**Praise God whose dawn transfigures night,
Whose Daystar shines for us on high,
Whose Spirit brings into our sight,
The hope which to our world draws nigh. Amen.**

SPECIAL NEEDS OFFERING

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

(Please move to the center of the church and join hands, being sure to include those who remain in the pews in our circle of communion.)

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE “Bless’d be the Tie that Binds” DENNIS

**Bless’d be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

*CHORUS “Soon and Very Soon, We are going to the King” vs. 1
“Love Sent from God, We are going to see the King” vs. 2

POSTLUDE Sylvester Skipper

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:5–25

RESPONSE

For the Word of God in Scripture
For the Word of God within Us
For the Word of God among Us
Thanks Be to God

MESSAGE

“Saints Among Us”

Stephanie Wyatt

*HYMN “Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed” REGENT SQUARE
Words: Larry E. Schultz Tune: “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Come and feast, for all are welcomed at God’s table spread with love.
Come proclaim God’s grace and goodness in, around us, and above.
All are welcomed! All are welcomed at God’s table spread with love!

Here we nurture and encourage as we share this common meal,
While we foster deep communion and our inner selves reveal.
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See the chalice lifted upward; smell the fragrant, broken bread;
Taste the gifts from field and vineyard; hear the words that Jesus said:
“Eat and drink, and in remembrance touch your souls with wine and bread.”

SHARING THE GIFTS OF THE LORD’S TABLE

We are reminded again of the tradition that surrounds this story.
Long ago, on the night of his arrest,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it saying:
“This bread is broken, as my body will be.”
And he handed it to his friends, and invited them to eat saying:
“Remember all that I have been to you.”
Long ago, on that same night,
Jesus poured a cup of wine, offered thanks for it,

and gave it to his friends, saying:

“This wine is poured out, as my life will be.

Remember me and give thanks for all I have given.”

So now we take this bread and this wine.

May this bread and this wine open us to the presence of the Holy Spirit
who nourishes, renews and makes us whole.

Together we remember our past.

Together we discern our present.

Together we shape our future.

Bread broken.

Wine poured out, for the life of the world.

All are welcome. Take and eat for all things are ready.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(Ushers will distribute the bread and juice. Please wait to consume each element until all congregants have received their portion and the pastor offers the invitation to eat.)

INVITATION TO EAT & DRINK

(There will be two invitations: one for the bread and one for the cup.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God is the heart of life.

And we are the heartbeat.

May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy.

We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.

We give thanks for all the influences in our lives that have helped us to see beyond the present:

that teach us to combine labor and rest,

that bring us the cycles of time and season,

that sustain us when we are in need.

Especially we give thanks for Jesus of Nazareth,

gatherer of folk, teller of stories, healer of hurts, weaver of lives.

In his life, wisdom, stories, and miracles, we recall the words Jesus spoke to call forth in us love, care and respect for one another:

**And we believe the same Spirit of God that came to visibility in
Jesus yearns for visible expression in us.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning –

Choir Practice @ 9:00 am

This afternoon @ 2pm –

Christmas Cantata

Tri-County Singers & West Baptist Ringers

Christmas Concert with Voice & Handbell Performances

Upcoming –

Christmas Eve Service

Scriptures, Reflections, and Carols

December 24th @ 5pm

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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