



# WELCOME TO WEST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

Third Sunday of Advent • Baptism Sunday • December 14, 2025



## 10:30 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

*Pifa from Messiah*

G.F. Handel

### WELCOME/\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The desert shall rejoice and blossom; streams shall flow in the wilderness.

**We come to see the places where God's joy is breaking through.**

The weak are made strong, the fearful find courage,  
and the hungry are filled with good things.

**We come to lift our voices with Mary,  
to rejoice in the God who brings life out of barrenness.**

Let all creation sing for joy, for the Holy One is in our midst, making all things new.

**Come, let us awaken the world with love and praise.**

\*OPENING HYMN #100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Patrick Family

Dear God, You speak to us through your prophet Isaiah, saying, "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom." Come, Wisdom from on high, and bring joy to Your people.  
Come, Lord of Might, and show us Your Holy Way.

RESPONSE HYMN #88, *verse 2*

VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily:  
to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

During this season of Advent, we await the coming of our Lord, Emmanuel. We light three candles to prepare our hearts to receive the hope and the peace and the joy of the world. Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

RESPONSE HYMN #88, *verse 3*

ENI EMMANUEL

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

### CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and joy, we confess that we grow weary of compassion and hesitant to share what we have.  
We hold back our gifts and our hearts, fearing there won't be enough.  
Forgive us when we forget that joy multiplies when it is given away.  
Renew in us a spirit of generosity, that our lives may become streams of Your grace  
flowing through a thirsty world. In Christ, our Redeemer and joy, we pray.

WEST SIDE IS A WELCOMING CHURCH, ROOTED DEEPLY IN CHRIST, INVITING ALL TO CONNECT, GROW AND SERVE.

*\*Please stand*

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE HYMN #119, *verse 6*

CHRISTMAS

All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;  
good will to all from highest heaven begin and never cease, begin and never cease!

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

ANTHEM

Gabriel's Message

Basque Carol, arr. Steven Seigart

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:46b-55

SERMON

Joy—Streams in the Wilderness

Rev. Marc Oehler

HYMN #79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Aiden Santarelli

We, the members of West Side Presbyterian Church, in the name of the whole church of Christ,  
pray that Aiden may come to know Christ and follow Jesus as a beloved member of God's family.

ADVENT MISSION CAMPAIGN

Boyd Lowry

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

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or Text GIVE to 551-227-2131. Thank you for your generosity!*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

He Shall Feed His Flock *from Messiah*  
Lisa Bremer, alto; Suzanne Karpov Seigart, soprano

G.F. Handel

\*DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God #607*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN #106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Steven Seigart

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*Please join us for fellowship following the service.*