

DECEMBER 20, 2015

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – LOVE

10:45 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The love of Christ be with you.

Jason W. Crosby

**And also with you.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Please take a moment to complete the section at the top of the insert,  
fold and tear it off at the perforation and put it in the offering plate. Or, you may share contact info or comments with us by sending  
a text message to 502-295-0285.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

INTROIT *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PICARDY, arr. Gustav Holst

Chancel Choir; Matthew Zolla, tenor;  
June Bailey, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano

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

King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of Lords, in human bondage, 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  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high. Amen.

*Liturgy of St. James, 4<sup>th</sup> century; adapted by Gerard Moultrie, 1864*

INVOCATION

Paw Ther You Pah

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 173

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

Descant: David Willcocks

LIGHTING THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT – LOVE

The birth of Christ brought forth into the darkness of this world a great light.

**Thanks be to God.**

In Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, we find our greatest love.

**Thanks be to God.**

Our Savior, however, promised to come again  
to fully redeem humanity and creation.

**Thanks be to God.**

This Advent season may we celebrate gifts already found in Christ  
and faithfully anticipate God's gifts yet to come.

**May we prepare the way.**

THE MUSIC OF CHILDREN

*Prepare A Way for the Lord!*

Michael Bedford

Elementary Choir; June Bailey, conductor; Bobbie Thomason, piano

Prepare a way for the Lord! Get ready, get ready, he's coming soon!  
We light the Advent candles, we light them one by one;  
We light the Advent candles for God's own son!  
We light the Advent candles and then we join to say,

“Make room in your hearts for Jesus who comes on Christmas Day!”

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*Light One Candle for Waiting* Michael Bedford

Light one candle for waiting as we look for the coming of Jesus.

Light two candles for watching as we look for the coming of Jesus.

Light three candles for hoping as we look for the coming of Jesus.

Light four candles for welcome for welcoming the Christ Child, born for all.

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CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Brittani M. Bair

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:39-55

Brittani M. Bair

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN OF MARY

*Canticle of the Turning*

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

My soul cries out with a joyful shout

that the God of my heart is great,

And my spirit sings of the wondrous things

that you bring to the ones who wait.

You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight,

and my weakness you did not spurn,

So from east to west shall my name be blest,

could the world be about to turn?

REFRAIN: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,

the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,

And your mercy will last from the depths of the past

to the end of the age to be.

Your very name puts the proud to shame,

and to those who would for you yearn,

You will show your might, put the wrong to flight,

for the world is about to turn. REFRAIN

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,

not a stone will be left on stone,

Let the king beware for your justice tears

every tyrant from his throne.

The hungry poor shall weep no more,

for the food they can never earn;

There are tables spread; every mouth be fed,

for the world is about to turn. REFRAIN

Though the nations rage from age to age,

we remember who holds us fast,

God’s mercy must deliver us from the conqueror’s crushing grasp.

This saving word that our forebears heard

is the promise which holds us bound,

Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,

who is turning the world around. REFRAIN

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WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

GOD’S GIFT TO US

Jason W. Crosby

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Melinda Stricklen

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

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CHORAL OFFERTORY *Ave Maria* Johann Sebastian Bach/Charles Gounod  
Matthew Zolla, tenor; Louie Bailey, piano

\*DOXOLOGY *O Source of Love, the Giver and the Gift* VENI EMMANUEL  
O Source of Love, the Giver and the Gift,  
With glad and gen’rous hearts we now uplift  
Our voices in eternal praise, for all your gifts that crown our days.  
O Lord, our God, our hearts to thee are bound  
To share your love with people all around. Amen.

Louie Bailey, Advent 2012

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND COMMUNITY  
We gladly welcome all who desire to unite with the community of faith at  
Crescent Hill Baptist Church to come forward during the Hymn of Response  
and share that decision with the minister.

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 146 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* ANTIOCH

BENEDICTION Jason W. Crosby

SILENCE

POSTLUDE *Fantasy on ADESTE FIDELES* Louie Bailey

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- We invite those who wish to be baptized or join the church to share that decision with the church near the conclusion of worship. However, if you are uncomfortable doing that but would like to explore baptism or church membership, the ministers would be glad to discuss those decisions with you following worship.
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