WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 23, 2018

10:45 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JESUS BRINGS PEACE TO THE WORLD

Greeting
Announcements
Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle
Preparation for Worship (Silent Prayer)
Prelude

Call to Worship

Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones,
Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength,
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.
(for)
The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
The LORD is enthroned as King forever.
The LORD gives strength to his people;
The LORD blesses his people with peace.
Psalm 29:1-2, 10-11

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation - Lord's Prayer
*****Gloria Patri (No. 734)
*Hymn No. 218 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*
Call to Confession: John 3:19

This is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

Let us confess our sins
Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow You without question. In this Christmas season, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You with joy as the shepherds; with gratitude as Simeon; with obedience as Mary; with love as You have loved us. Even so, come Lord Jesus.

Private Confession
Assurance of Forgiveness: Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Thanks Be to God!

Special Music (insert): *Pie Jesu* Webber
Duet: Carol de Boer and Karen Simmons
Offertory
*The Doxology (No. 731) and Prayer of Thanksgiving
(Children will be dismissed to Children's Church following the Hymn)

*Hymn No. 208 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
Prayer of Supplication and Intercession
*Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:8-20
Message: Rev. McIntyre
*Hymn No. 214 *Angels We Have Heard on High*
*Benediction
*Response: Threefold Amen
Postlude

***Standing**

Welcome visitors! Please complete the yellow visitor's card found on the back of the pew and place in offering plate.

A CRY ROOM IS AVAILABLE JUST OFF THE VESTIBULE

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