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December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent

Seventh Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

a new church in a historic building,
where Christ, arts, and service meet

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December 3, 2017 11:00 A.M.

Thank you for choosing God with Seventh Street today. No matter who you are, or where you are from, you are welcome here. Please fill out the attendance tablet that is at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor.

Gathering

All who desire and are able, please stand for the parts marked +

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Violin Sonata in F Major, K.547* *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*
Issac Robinson (violin) and Isabella deBrueler (piano) of the Chamber Music Institutes

+ Call to Worship Betty Butterworth

Leader: God comes! So don't let go
of all the reasons to rejoice.

**People: We will sing a song of Advent
to the One who fills our lives with joy.**

Leader: God comes! So don't stop
lifting your prayers with thanksgiving.

**People: We will sing a song of Advent,
to the One who hears our words and silence.**

Leader: God comes! So don't stop
giving your hearts to God.

**All: We will sing a song of Advent
to the One who graces us with a peace
we cannot begin to understand.**

+Opening Hymn *Come, O Long-expected Jesus* 125

+Opening Prayer & Words of Assurance Betty Butterworth

Leader: We have all become like one who is unclean,

People: and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

Leader: We all fade like a leaf,

People: and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Leader: Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;

**People: we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.**

Leader: Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,

People: and do not remember iniquity forever.

Leader: As far as the East is from the West,
so far does our God remove our transgressions from us. *(Psalm 103:12)*
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen!**

+ The Gloria Patri

At peace with God, let us now offer the peace of Christ to one another.

Proclamation of the Gospel

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

READ Center Participants

**All (sung): “O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.”**

Reader 1: Christmas is coming! Be joyful and celebrate!

Reader 2: Some people just celebrate because that’s what you do at this time of year;
some celebrate because they think they are going to be given good gifts! But
for us it is different. Very very different.

Reader 1: Joy came into the world with the birth of a baby two thousand years ago.
That joy is in our hearts, and is bursting to get out, so let it out! The world
needs all the joy it can get!

Reader 2: Christ is coming! As we wait expectantly for Christmas day **we light this first
candle** as a sign that the joy that arrived with the birth of Christ is still here
with us today, and we want to share it with everybody around us.

Lighting of the First Candle

Reader 1: Lord of celebration, thank you for the joy that you have brought to this world.
Let it burst out of us in every word, every action, every smile so that all
around us will be touched by it and will begin to feel a little of that same joy.
Amen.

All (sung): “Rejoice! Rejoice! Shall come to thee o Israel!”

First Reading:

Isaiah 64:1-9

Maria Gomez

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A word from Karen LaForge, Executive Director of READ Center

Harp solo

Lauren Pelegrino, student of the Academy of Music and student of the READ Center

Second Reading:

John 1:1-5

Rev. Hollie

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

“Sharing Joy”

Rev. Hollie

Stories of the READ Center

+Hymn of Affirmation

All My Hope on God is Founded (vs. 1,3)

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Prayers of the People:

Rev. Hollie

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. . .

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Music

Concerto for 2 Violins in A Minor

Antonio Vivaldi

Chole Wang (violin), Grace Robinson (violin), and Bryan Butt (piano)
of the Chamber Music Institutes



The Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (vs. 1, 2)

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Berceuse

Alexander Illyinsky

Trinity Miller (harp) and Gareth Lockwood (cello) of the Chamber Music Institutes

Words of Institution and Prayers

On the first Sunday of the month we observe communion by intinction. All are welcome to come forward, take a piece of bread and dip into the cup. Those who desire traditional communion or gluten-free bread, please remain in your seat and indicate your preference to the serving deacon/deaconess.

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

Going Forth as Disciples of Christ

+Closing Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness (vs. 1,3)

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+ Benediction

Postlude

Please join us in the Parlor for a small reception.

With heartfelt appreciation to the READ Center students/teachers:

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| Carolyn Harsh | Hazel Wilks |
| Mildred Bruce | Michelle Harrington |
| Lauren Pelegrino | |

And performers of the Chamber Music Institutes:

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| Issac Robinson | Bryan Butt |
| Isabella deBruler | Trinity Miller |
| Chole Wang | Gareth Lockwood |
| Grace Robinson | |