

# Peace

LET THE  
PEACE OF GOD  
RULE IN YOUR  
HEARTS

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## East Valley Reformed Church

Pastor Bill Van Herk

December 9, 2018

### To Our Visitors

Thank you for joining us for this celebration of worship!  
It is our hope that you find the service uplifting and that you will come again.  
Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

### Our Mission Statement

*"Helping each other follow Jesus Christ."*

### Our Vision Statement

*"To be people who delight in worshipping Jesus, seek to know him more and are being shaped by God to be a redemptive presence in our community through proclaiming the gospel, feeding the hungry and nurturing one another in love."*

### Elders/Committee

Connie Faulkner: Chair of Education/Vice President

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Idell Dunn: Chair of Fellowship

Don Linder: Chair of Outreach Frank Meneses: Life Church

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December 9, 2018 Second Sunday of Advent

## The Approach to God

Prelude

Gathering Songs

Welcome and Announcements

Prepare for Worship

Votum

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn #124 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**Reader 1:** We've gathered here on this Advent Sunday to draw near to you, God. Our hearts long to be close to you. Help us this season to open our hearts so that you may draw near to us. Open our eyes to the true light that came into the world as we wait to receive it again. Open our ears to the truth of your Word.

**Reader 2:** Hear the Word from the prophet Isaiah: "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

**Reader 1:** "Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

**Reader 2:** We grow weary, God. So many things in this world make us weary. We need your strength. We need the light of Christ to come to us to strengthen us and give us peace. (Light 2 candles)

**Reader 1** "In Jesus Christ you are forgiven."

Special Music

## The Word of God

Prayer of illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4 Gary Jones

\*Songs of Praise (***Prayer Requests collected during songs***)  
(Children age 4-12 can go to Kidz Church)

New Testament Lesson: Luke 3:1-6

Message: "Refiner's Fire" The

Prayer of Application

## The Response to God

Song of Response

The Prayers of the People

The Gifts of God's People

\*Doxology

\*Offering Prayer

\*Closing Hymn #138 "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

The Benediction

\*Song of Departure

Postlude

**\*Please stand if able**

## December 16, 2018 Third Sunday of Advent

### Message

"New Kids"

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Luke 3:7-18

This Third Sunday of Advent reminds us that God is starting over with us. Each one of us is one of the "New" people of God.