

The background of the poster is a dark green, textured surface featuring a faint, repeating pattern of musical notation. The notation includes staves with notes, rests, and clefs, with the words "MINUET DE LA COUR." visible in some of the staves. The title "HANDEL'S MESSIAH" is prominently displayed in the center in a large, gold-colored, serif font. The word "HANDEL'S" is in a smaller font size than "MESSIAH".

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Second Sunday in Advent, December 7, 2025 | **10:00am**

Today, we light the Prophet's candle. Lord Jesus, light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love. Amen.

Prelude | Chorale-Prelude on "Cradle Hymn," Robert J. Powell

Gathering

Welcome

Hymn #781 | O Come, All Ye Faithful

Lighting the Second Advent Candle | Peace

Hymn #715, verse 2 | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Greeting

Worshiping with Handel's Messiah

Away In A Manger

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Orchestra Introduction to Messiah

Isaiah 40:5

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Malachi 3:2

But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire.

Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:23

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel, God with us.

Isaiah 40:9 and 60:1

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God!

Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Isaiah 60:2–3

For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Homily | Ready for Peace | Isaiah 11:1-10

Laurie Brenner

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory | Pastoral (Shepherds' Pipes)

Luke 2:8-11

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:13-14

*And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying:
"Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards men."*

Zechariah 9:9-10

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, thy King cometh unto thee; He is the righteous Saviour, and He shall speak peace unto the heathen.*

Isaiah 35:5-6

*Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.*

Isaiah 40:11 and Matthew 11:28-30

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

*Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest.
Take his yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

Revelation 19:6, 11:15 and 19:16

Hallelujah Chorus — Hymn #900 if you'd like to sing along with the choir!

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Hallelujah!

Benediction

Amen Chorus

Join us down the hall in Howell Auditorium for our all-church brunch!

NEW HERE?

We're glad you're here! If you are visiting us, we'd love to connect with you. Fill out the Connect Card (in the pew rack) or scan this QR code. And stop by the Welcome Center for your gift bag!



WEST SIDE KIDS

10:00am | Kids (5th grade and under) are dismissed during the service to attend Sunday School.

Nursery | Available for kids ages 0-3.

WEST SIDE YOUTH

10:00am | **Middle School Discipleship**

NO MS Discipleship December 7 and 14.

High School Youth Group

Tonight, 6-8pm, for Advent Bible study, snacks and games.

DAILY READINGS

The scripture references in parentheses are for the *Seeing Jesus Together* journals. The schedule came with your journal, or you can pick up a copy at the Welcome Center, or scan the QR code for it.

Mon: 1 Samuel 8, Matthew 12 (Matthew 12:1-8)

Tues: 1 Samuel 9, Matthew 13 (Matthew 13:31-33)

Wed: 1 Samuel 10, Matthew 14 (Matthew 14:13-21)

Thurs: 1 Samuel 11, Matthew 15 (Matthew 15:29-31)

Fri: 1 Samuel 12, Matthew 16 (Matthew 16:24-28)

Sat: Psalm 50, (Psalm 50:7-15)



SAVE THE DATE! ECCLESIASTES STUDY

Join us for a look at Ecclesiastes as we discuss the book *Living Life Backward: How Ecclesiastes Teaches Us to Live in Light of the End* by David Gibson (please purchase the book and read the first two chapters for Jan. 20). Gibson's reflections on Ecclesiastes provide interesting insights and will prompt lively discussion! Tuesdays, Jan. 20-Feb. 17 at 10am. Contact Susan Henn (hennsu@gmail.com) or Patricia Ramsey (ptramz@live.com) for further information.

ANGEL TREE DONATIONS

We're partnering again with Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree to give children of incarcerated parents and grandparents a gift in their name. We'll remind them they are loved by the gift-giver and God! Scan the QR code to watch the Angel Tree video.



- On **Dec. 7:** Sign-up in the lobby to buy gifts
- By **Dec. 18:** Drop UNWRAPPED gifts at the Welcome Center
- On **Dec. 21:** Help host a Christmas party where families enjoy treats and activities, as well as receive their gifts with love (3:00-5:30PM).

Interested? Contact Cooper at guidry.cooper.2023@gmail.com, Sonia at sghayem@gmail.com, or Lisa at west.la@comcast.net.

WEST SIDE RINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Wednesday, December 10 at 3:30pm at Bridge Park in West Seattle

Wednesday, December 17 at 3:30pm at Merrill Gardens in Burien

All West Side members are welcome to attend!

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen. (If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please let one of our pastors know.)

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ADVENT AT WEST SIDE

Join us this Christmas season for meaningful services and festive activities as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. All are welcome to celebrate hope, peace, joy, and love with us.

Sunday, December 14

Christmas Worship and carol sing, 10am

Festive Christmas Faire for all ages, 11:30am

Sunday, December 21

Traditional Lessons & Carols, 8:30am

Contemporary Lessons & Carols, 10am

Sunday, December 21

Longest Night Service, 7pm

The service of the Longest Night is a worship service for those carrying heavy burdens this season and the people who love and wish to pray for them. Those gathered for this service will have the opportunity to pray, sing, or simply sit in silence and await the light of Christ coming into the world at Christmas.

December 24, Christmas Eve

5pm, Family Service

Join us for family worship and our "pop-up Nativity."

7pm, Candlelight Service

Gather to worship with a traditional candlelight service. All ages welcome.

Nursery available at all events.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Men: Saturday, December 13, 8:30-10:00am @ West Side

We will explore Genesis 39 — what constitutes a sign of God's favor?

Women: Saturday, December 13, 9:00-10:30am

Gather at Pastor Laurie's for Christmas coffee as we reflect on Advent and friendship and look ahead to the advent season.

Please RSVP by scanning the QR code, on the Church Center app under "Sign Ups" or go to www.wspc.org/advent.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

November to-Date

November Income: \$63,622

Previous Year November Income: \$80,000

Goal*: \$96,000

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Fiscal YTD: \$365,612

Previous July-November Income: \$371,000

Goal*: \$451,000

*Goal: Income required to fund future ministry expenses without drawing on reserves.

ONLINE GIVING

Scan the code for our online giving page >>>



END OF YEAR OFFERINGS

End of year offerings may be made online, dropped in our locked mailbox (near the main entrance) by December 31, or mailed (postmarked by December 31). Note that the church building will be closed December 24-January 3.