



A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY.
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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 16/17



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Welcome to Worship

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PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

ASSISTING:

Pastor Brent Campbell

ORGANISTS: Mary Jo Gothmann

READER:

5 PM Kathy Johnson

8 AM Marcia Wilson

9 AM Caroline Baker

11 AM Steve Dussl

PRELUDE: "Oh, Come Oh Come, Emmanuel" arr. by Joseph Martin

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In this time of Advent, let us open our hearts to the coming of Christ, confessing our sins before God and one another.

Silence for reflection

Gracious God,

we confess that we are broken and sinful, and we have turned away from you. We have failed to fully serve you, and to be a light to our neighbors. We do not trust completely in your promises or your grace. Forgive us, turn our wills again to you, and prepare our hearts for Christ's reign, that your light may dwell within us, and shine forth through us, for your glory. Amen.

Jesus, the Word made flesh, Immanuel, God with us, was sent that all who believe in him may not perish, but have eternal life. In his name † your sins are forgiven. God has cleansed your hearts, and wiped away your sin. In confident recognition of His boundless grace, let us live in the light of Christ! **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* 242



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

LITANY FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Today is the third Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Joy.

Our joy is in God and in his Son, Jesus Christ. Like peace, joy is a gift from God.

It overtakes us and fills us when we remember what God has done and what he has promised to do.

We light this candle today to remind us that Christ came and is coming, so that all people might have a rich and abundant life.

We thank God for the hope he gives us, for the peace he bestows, and for the joy he pours into our hearts.

Come, Lord Jesus! Fill our hearts with joy! Amen.

HYMN: *Light One Candle*, vs. 3



Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune
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GREETING:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our Prince of Peace, our Mighty God, our Wonderful Counselor, who is and was and is to come.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC (5 PM, 9 & 11AM):

5 PM "Somebody's Talkin' 'Bout Jesus" arr. Taylor
&
9 AM: Children's Festival Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; LeaAnn Barnett, piano

11 AM: "O Christmas Tree; O Come, Little Children; We Wish You a Merry Christmas"
Children's Festival Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; LeaAnn Barnett, piano

LESSONS: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *People Look East* (vs 3) 248



Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the

bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,

bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
Music: BESANCON, French carol
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GOSPEL:

The Holy Gospel according to John 1:6-8, 19-28

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: "Can I Get A Witness" by Pastor Connie Tiede

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751
 Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

CANTATA (5 PM, 9 & 11 AM): *see insert*

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come...

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC:

"Gloria" arr. Callahan
Ringmasters Bell Choir; Jonathan D. Campbell, dir.

OFFERTORY: *What Child is This* (vs 3) 296

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.

The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;

joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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 and ever. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION:

The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the joy of the Spirit † remain upon you now and forever.

Amen.

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SUNG BLESSING (5 PM, 9 & 11 AM):

"Shalom/Peace" Israeli folksong

Sung by Kory M. Ratajczake

Shalom chaverim, shalom! L'hitraot shalom.

Translation: *Peace, beloved neighbors.*

SENDING HYMN: *Joy to the World*, vs 1, 2 & 4.....267

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav-ior reigns! Let all their
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the
ceive her king; let ev-'ry heart pre-pare him
songs em-ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
na-tions prove the glo-ries of his righ-teous-
room and heav'n and na-ture sing, and heav'n and na-ture
plains re-peat the sound-ing joy, re-peat the sound-ing
ness and won-ders of his love, and won-ders of his
and heav'n and na-ture sing, and
sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na-ture sing.
joy, re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.
love, and won-ders, won-ders of his love.
heav'n and na-ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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TO WORSHIP

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Units Available

*Hearing assistance units
are available at the
sound booth at the
back of the Sanctuary.*

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*We have areas in the
sanctuary where a wheel-
chair or walker will fit.
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Children Welcome

*Activity bags are avail-
able outside the sanctu-
ary. We have two "pray
grounds" in the sanctuary
with plenty of places just
outside the sanctuary as
well where children can
sit and play.*

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DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, Christ is near.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: " Joy to the World" arr. by Mary Beth Bennett

Coming Up

4th Sunday in Advent

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 | 5 PM | SANCTUARY

Christmas Eve

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 WITH COMMUNION

10:00 AM, 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM, 4:30 PM, 10:00 PM

All will be candlelight services

Nursery Care Available

10:00 AM, 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM, 4:30 PM

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10:00 AM & 5:00 PM

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10:00 AM, 4:30 PM, 10:00 PM

All Services Livestreamed

Christmas Day

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 WITH COMMUNION

10:00 AM