



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 2018

Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:50am
Christmas program 5:00 pm

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Nancy Bosché, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

David Stewart, worship leader

*HYMN #172

O come, O come, Immanuel

St. 1-3 all

St. 4 men, all on refrain

St. 5 women, all on refrain

St. 6 All

*Lighting the Advent sculpture** today are Kate Brubacher and Stan Buller, some of the church members who volunteer to be with our youngest congregants in the nursery during worship.*

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

Sallie Page-Goertz

HYMN #211

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

ANTHEM

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

arr. Scott

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-56

HYMN

My soul is filled with joy

Madeline Bollinger, solo stanzas

Please join in refrain when indicated:

And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er - a - tions! Ev - er -

And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er - a - tions! Ev - er -

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last-ing is your mer-cy to the peo-ple you have cho-sen, and ho-ly is your name.

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SERMON

A song like no other

*HYMN (see insert)

With Mary sing Magnificat

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service.



Children in K-5grades are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions, and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

6th-12th grade women are also dismissed for women's ensemble rehearsal in room 111.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*SENDING FORTH

L: We cannot wait till the world is sane

C: *to raise our songs with joyful voice,*

L: for to share our grief, to touch our pain,

C: *God came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!****

*HYMN #189

To us a Child of hope is born

*POSTLUDE

Please remain standing for the postlude

**Please stand in body or in spirit. Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue Hymnal: A Worship Book. As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.*

***The light sculpture at the front of the sanctuary was created by Arlie Regier and his son Paul. We have cherished the long tradition of featuring this gift during Advent and Christmas.*

****From *First Coming* by Madeleine L'Engle*



During recent weeks, the WorshipArts children have been privileged to watch their ideas unfold as resident artist Jesse Graber spontaneously draws the images the children convey as they share their observations and responses to concepts inspired by the morning's worship service. This year's Advent bulletin covers are the result of one such collaboration. In preparation for starting our work on tonight's Christmas program titled "Who Will Come to Bethlehem?", we pondered several questions – including, "If Jesus were born today, what gifts would you bring for Him?"

"friendship bracelets - we have a loom"

"a blanket"

"money - would need to be from all around the world, because how could he spend it?"

"a book"

"clothes"

"we could draw pictures for Him"

"we could bring our instruments and play music"

"restaurant people could come and bring food"

As you peruse the children's responses above, we invite you to ponder with us on this third Sunday of Advent. What is our source of joy? What can we bring to Bethlehem?

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