llo you see what I see? **ADVENT 2022** 

# Advent 3 **December 11, 2022**

## Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am **Discussion and Sunday School 10:50am** 

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, organist

# **BRINGING IN THE LIGHT** Candlelighters: Phil, Rachel Arthur, and Sage Perisho-Dunn

We light this candle for joy; joy in our hearts, Leaders: joy in our homes, joy in our world. **Response:** May the light of joy shine through our lives.

## WELCOME AND PRAYER

Andy Shelly, worship leader

## \*HYMN VT 217

Hark! the Glad Sound!

# WE DEDICATE, LISTEN AND LEARN

CHILD DEDICATION (see insert) Sage Perisho-Dunn, Willa Histand-Chittum VT 255 Love Came Down at Christmas

ANTHEM	Star-Child	Murray/Young
SCRIPTURE/TEACHING	Isaiah 42:1-9	Ruth Harder
HYMN VT 267 and 268	What Child is This/Helpless and Hungry	

# 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

VT 228 *Wait for the Lord* repeat as directed Vicky Kaufman, soloist

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

# WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

\*HYMN VT 239

He Came Down

#### \*SENDING

#### \*POSTLUDE

\*You are invited to stand

About our Advent visual: the image at the front of the sanctuary is the first photo taken by the Webb telescope. It's mission: "The James Webb Space Telescope will find the first galaxies that formed in the early universe and peer through dusty clouds to see stars forming planetary systems." This telescope will provide new ways of looking and seeing for many years to come.

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.

**New this year:** the wooden nativity set in the Wesley Room was purchased in memory of George Houghton.

Anthem text: Star-Child Text by Shirley Erena Murray, Music by Carlton Young

Star-Child, earth-Child, go-between of God, Love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lightning rod: This year, this year, let the day arrive When Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive.

Street child, beat child, no place left to go, Hurt child, used child, no one wants to know; This year, this year, let the day arrive When Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive.

Grown child, old child, mem'ry full of years, Sad child, lost child, story told in tears: This year, this year let the day arrive When Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive.

Spared child, spoiled child, having, wanting more, Wise child, faith child, knowing joy in store: This year, this year, let the day arrive When Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive.

Hope for peace Child, God's stupendous sign, Down-to-earth Child, Star of stars that shine: This year, this year, let the day arrive When Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive.

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