

ADVENT 3
December 15, 2024



Artist Elle Payne

Crying out hope, peace, joy, and love in the (be)wilderness

Joy / Farah / Alegria / Simcha

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Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am

Christmas Program Prelude begins at 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Mark Hayes
Nancy Bosché, pianist

CALL TO ADVENT: A VOICE OF JOY CRIES OUT

Isaiah 40:3-5, 28 retold

Lonnie Buerge & Carmen Shelly

LIGHTING CANDLES OF JOY

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Our light sculpture at the front was created by Arlie Regier and his son Paul. We cherish the long tradition of featuring this gift during Advent and Christmas. This year we will light a different section for each Sunday of Advent. Today's lights are for **joy**.

Light a candle of peace, light a candle of love | Light a candle that shines, all around the world
Light a candle for me, light a candle for you | That our wish for world peace will one day come true.
Sing peace around the world

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Lonnie Buerge

*HYMN VT 216

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

WE YEARN FOR JOY

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-55

ANTHEM

The Angel Gabriel Basque carol, arr. MacDonald

SERMON

Filled with the Spirit

*HYMN VT 246

Come, Join in Mary's Prophet-Song

WE SHARE JOY AND SORROW WITHIN THE (BE)WILDERNESS

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.

As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.

SHARING CONCERNS

Anthem: *The Angel Gabriel*. Traditional Basque carol, tr. Sabine Baring-Gould. Music arr. by Sarah MacDonald.

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.
“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,”
“most highly favoured Lady,” Gloria.

“For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,”
“Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,”
“Most highly favoured Lady,” Gloria.

Of her Emmanuel the Christ was born
in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn.
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
Most highly favoured Lady. Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.
“My soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name,”
Most highly favoured Lady, Gloria!

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