

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand if able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *Tell Out My Soul* setting by Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Kristy Mestdagh and Sean Mestdagh

*(As Candle Lighters come up please sing
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus No. 2 v. 1)*

Advent is a time of wonder—the wonder of the Holy One of God. The first and second Sundays of Advent, we lit the candles of hope and peace. On this third Sunday of Advent we light this candle for joy and we wonder.

**“How can we rejoice when the powerful remain seated on their thrones,
the lowly have not been lifted up, the hungry are empty,
and the rich are filled with good things?”**

We light this candle for joy and we wonder,

“Christ is our joy!”

We light this candle for joy

and we await the coming of the Holy One of God whose reign shall never end.

Arise as God’s people!

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Luke 1:46b-47, 49

My soul magnifies the Lord; Elder

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

The Mighty One has done great things.

Holy is God’s name!

* HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* No. 8

(Please come forward and place your piece of cloth in the cradle.)

CALL TO PRAYER & PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Isaiah 35:1,4

Let the desert rejoice, and let the dry land be glad, for God has come to save us. Elder

Let us pray...

God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace.

You made a way for us in the wilderness,

and still in our foolishness, we go astray.

We hide our eyes from your presence.

We do not listen to your word.

We are lifeless when we ought to dance

and speechless when we ought to sing.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands,

and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

Amen. Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness.

Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Laura Sugg

Isaiah 35:10

*GLORIA

Tune: Gloria No. 23

Let the nations shout and sing: glory to their Savior bring;

All below and all above sing your praise with joyous love.

Glo—ria in excelsis Deo; glo—ria in excelsis Deo.

HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:46b-55

Pgs. 53-54

The word of the Lord.

Deacon

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord

TIME FOR CHILDREN *(As the children come forward, please join in singing.)*

This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.

Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.

SERMON

Cloth for the Cradle

Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

Front of Hymnal Pg. 14

* HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

No. 48

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

Front of Hymnal Pg. 16

(Pray, “Forgive us our sins...”)

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

Pastoral on What Is this Lovely Fragrance?

Austin C. Lovelace

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

No. 414 v.1.

As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyard, flock and field

to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield.

So we today our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land;

of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand, Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Responsive)

Thanks be to you, O God, maker of heaven and earth—
giver of justice, lover of righteousness, hope of the afflicted,
and friend of the poor. Your faithfulness never fails.

Laura Sugg
Psalm 146:5-10

**Take and use these gifts we offer to further your purpose in the world
and to fulfill the promise of the world to come;
through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

No. 20

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: (All)



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered to - day.

POSTLUDE

Christmas Cheer

Michael Shea

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Jo Ann Flores

Deacon Reader: Linda Johnston

Greeters: Val & Jonathan Friedman & family

Ushers: Jeff Stimson & Chris Swanson

Sound Engineer: Sean Mestdagh

Children's Time: Linda Valo

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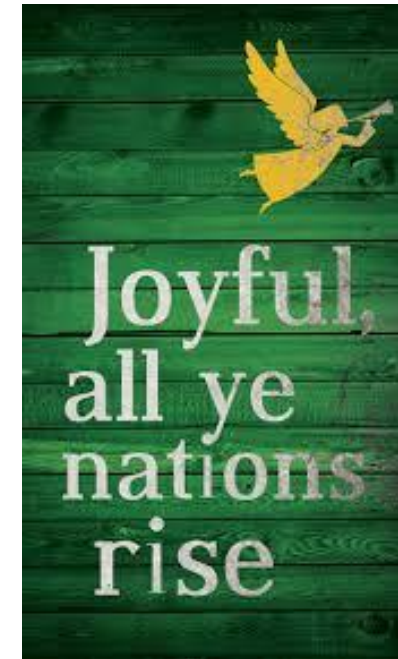
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*To worship God through faith and action,
to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
to be an extended family to all,
and to serve the community
through programs, education and prayer.*

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2016**