

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PUBLIC WORSHIP

10:00 A.M.

Director of Music – Matthew Gillis

LARGE PRINT hymnals available
 NURSERY is available upon request during 10:00am Worship Service
 *All who are able may stand

THE GATHERINGORGAN PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: *A Virgin Pure* – Nicolas Lebègue (1630-1702)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS - (Friendship Pads – Sign & pass to end of pew)

MISSION MOMENT:

Our mission is to provide a church home that serves our congregation and our community through praise, worship, and Christian outreach with a determination to live by God's Word and for God's glory.

DECEMBER MISSION: Angel & Hearts Tree

INTROIT: *"Prepare the Way, O Zion"*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/People)

We gather because we are waiting.

We are waiting for the coming of Christ anew.

We work because we are waiting.

We are waiting for a world of love and justice.

We worship because we are waiting.

We are waiting for God, whose glory is about to be revealed.

Let us worship God.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE – Candle of Joy

CHOIR: *"Light of the World"**HYMN: #249, Vs. 1-2 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Leader/People)

You have told us what we should do: live humbly, give generously, and be rich in compassion. Even still, O God, we fall back into our selfish ways. We have been claimed in the waters of baptism, but we do not live as people redeemed. We have been washed in waters of grace, but we do not trust the depth of your love. Forgive us, God of mercy. Heal us, guide us, and call us to try again. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SONG OF PRAISE: *"Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel!"*

CONCERNS and JOYS

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Traditional) Inside back cover of Hymnals

*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**THE PROCLAIMING & THE RESPONDINGOFFERTORY: *Savior of the Nations Come* – Charles Callahan*SONG OF DEDICATION: *"Doxology"*

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN: #286 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *"Once in Royal David's City"*

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-19

CHOIR: *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

THE SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:15-18

*HYMN: #244 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

THE THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*HYMN: #130 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *"His Glorious Name"*

THE FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 11: 1-9

CHOIR: *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

THE FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

CHOIR: *"Song of Mary"*

THE SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

*HYMN: #250: vs.1-2 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**HYMN: #279 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

THE SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-16

*HYMN: #278 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *"Angels We Have Heard on High"**HYMN: #265, Vs. 1-2 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *"The First Noel"*

THE EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

HYMN: #265, Vs. 4-6 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *"The First Noel"*HYMN: #288, Vs. 1 & 5 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *"We Three Kings"*

THE NINTH LESSON: John 1:1-14

*HYMN: #270 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *"Joy to the World!"**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *"The Apostles' Creed"* (Traditional) Inside back cover of HymnalsTHE SENDING

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*CLOSING SONG:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: *Noel with Variations* – Claude Louis D'Aquin (1694-1772)