

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
PUBLIC WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.
Rev. Glenn Zuber
Music Director – Gregory Fraser

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: “o Heilige Nacht” from Liszt’s Weinachtsbaum
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - *Please clearly sign the friendship/attendance pad. Thank you.*
INTROIT: “I’ll Praise My Maker”

Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/**People**) *(Please stand)*

(L) Say to those of a fearful heart: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

(P) Behold! The glory of the Lord shines upon us!

(L) Say to those with weak hands and feeble knees: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

(P) Behold! In splendor the Lord dwells among us!

(L) The barren lands burst into bloom; the desert erupts with delight.

(P) With joy in our hearts, let us worship God!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – Candle of Joy

Children of Buckingham

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *(If children are present)*HYMN: #13 *(Please stand)* “Prepare the Way” *(Please be seated)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Glenn Zuber

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Advent God, You enter into our weary world to lift up the lowly and fill the hungry, to establish equity throughout the earth. Yet, like perplexed prophets and doubting disciples, we scarcely believe that you can right the world. We see suffering and sorrow and sin and wonder if creation is beyond repair. But you hold out healing, wholeness, and hope. You promise to drive out despair and free us from debilitating fear. SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Glenn Zuber

SONG OF PRAISE: HYMN #9, verse 3 *(Please stand)* “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

CONCERNS and JOYS

Rev. Glenn Zuber

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: *(Please stand and greet your neighbors)*The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** *(Please be seated)*THE PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Glenn Zuber

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 35:1-10 (Pew Bible page 663)

The desert will blossom; God’s people will return with joy.

ANTHEM: “King of Glory”

Choir

NEW TESTAMENT: Luke 1:46-55 (Pew Bible page 57)

Mary rejoices in God, who helps the poor and lifts up the lowly.

SERMON:

Rev. Glenn Zuber

HYMN: #600 *(Please stand)* “Song of Mary”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - “Adapted from the Confession of 1967”

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. Amen.

*(You may be seated)*THE RESPONDING

OFFERTORY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Glenn Zuber

SONG OF DEDICATION: *(Please stand)* “Doxology”

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.” Amen. *(Please remain standing)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Glenn Zuber

*You may be seated and remain seated for the remainder of the service.*THE SENDING

HYMN: #1 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Glenn Zuber

CLOSING SONG: HYMN #8, verse 3 - “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

POSTLUDE: “Altes Provenzalishes Weihnachtslied” from Liszt’s Weinachtsbaum

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL – LARGE PRINT Hymnals Available

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Minister.	Glenn Zuber
Clerk of Session.	Paul Cook
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Trustee President.	Rosealee Champion
Parish Secretary.	Mary White
Music Director	
Custodian	Todd Gibboney
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Wedding Coordinator	Rosealee Champion
Women of the Church.	Rosealee Champion

**2020
SESSION**
Cindi Pruitt
Jason Parker
DEACONS
Nance Hall
Carol Neal
Carol Rose
TRUSTEES
Lynne Murray
Jerry Woroniecki

**2021
SESSION**
Mitchell David
DEACONS
Paul Chambers
Lynda Truitt
TRUSTEES
Brad Black
Tom Truitt

**2022
SESSION**
Lindsay Ashton
Paul Cook
DEACONS
Evelyn Warren
Gloria Gubosh
TRUSTEES
Mike Leyden
Rosealee Champion
George Phillips

CHURCH COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Christian Education.	Lindsay Ashton
Congregational Life.	Cindi Pruitt
Contemporary Worship	Mitchell David
Finance & Budget	Jason Parker
Mission & Liaison	Lindsay Ashton
Nominating.	Jason Parker & Mitchell David
Personnel.	Paul Cook
Spiritual Life.	Mitchell David
Traditional Worship.	Paul Cook

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: As Authorized by the Session
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER: Sundays of – 1st Advent, Baptism of the Lord,
 1st Lent, Pentecost, World Communion, Mid-Summer, & Christmas Eve



