

RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.19

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus.

His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God.

He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel,

the beginning of the new creation,

and the pioneer of the new humanity.

He gave history its meaning and direction

and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Prayers of the People

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 609

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 363 (GTG)

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

DARWELL's 148th

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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* denotes standing as able.

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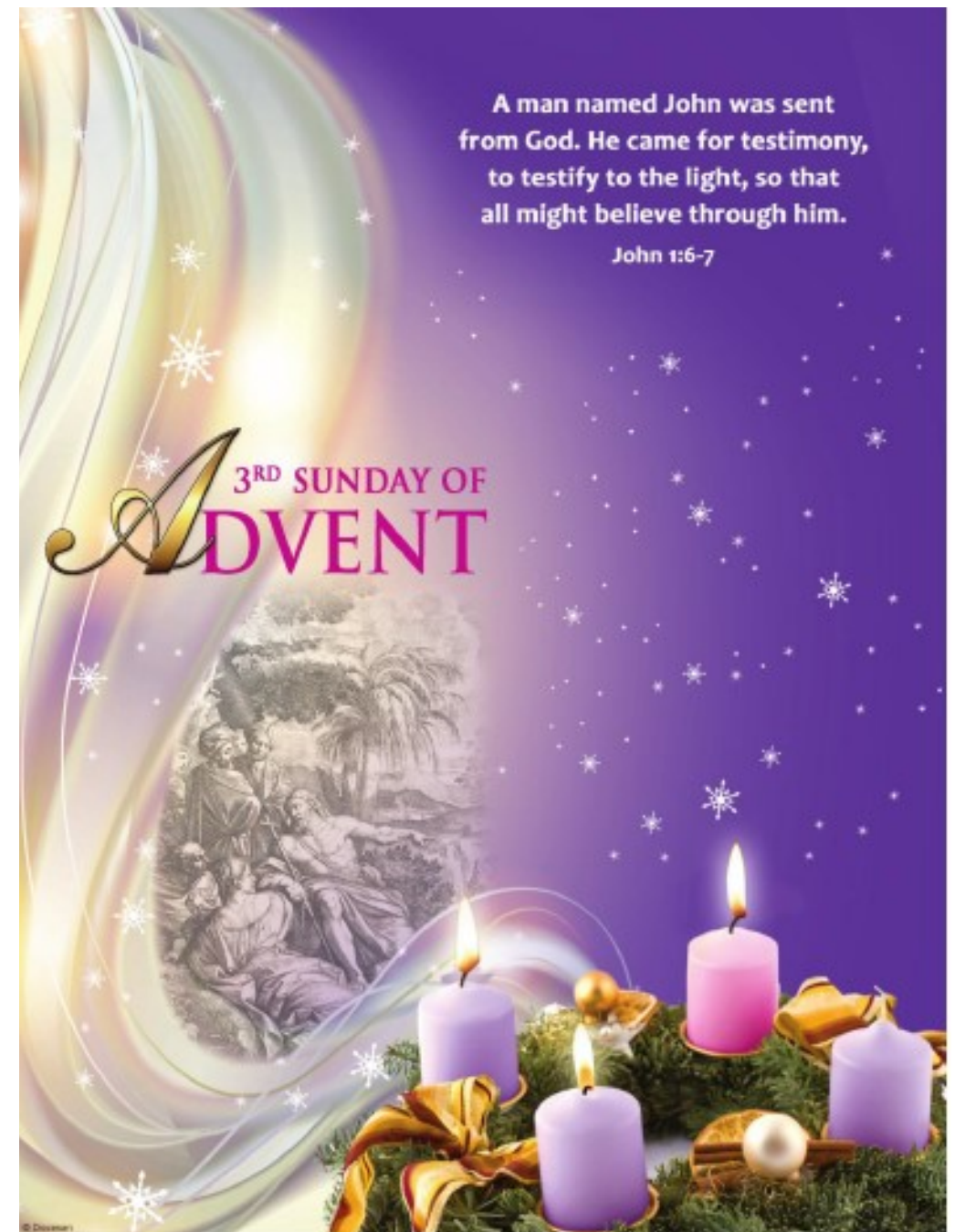
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Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021

Covenant at Worship

Liturgical Color: Purple Third Sunday of Advent 10:00am Worship

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PREPARATION
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE / TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”
The world says, “Worry,” and we say, “Rejoice.”
The news says, “Fear,” and we say, “Rejoice.”
The world says, “Be happy,” and the church says, “Be faithful.”

As we light our third Advent candle,
We pray for hope, peace, and joy.
Come now, O child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Joy.

VOLUNTARY 85 (GTG) *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* TIF IN VELDELE
(stanza 3)

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Let us sing praises to the Lord,
for God has done glorious things.
Let us shout aloud and sing for joy,
for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.
Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN 645 (GTG) “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

CALL TO CONFESSION
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**Merciful God, we confess that, in the midst of your glorious creation,
we have neglected our role in its care.
We ignore the cries of the hurting and the lonely,
those on the margins and those who are oppressed.
We focus on our own desires, while forgetting the needs of our neighbors.
We have not prepared a way for the Lord,
through either our words or our deeds,
neither through our actions nor our thoughts.
Grant us your mercy in forgiveness; and lead us to act
with compassion and justice, guided by your glorious light.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*HYMN 581 (GTG) “Gloria Patri” Greatorex

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Zephaniah 3: 14-20

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Luke 3: 7-18

PROCLAMATION Dana Waters

*HYMN #100 (GTG) “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout” Rory Cooney