

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 26-45

MUSIC MEDITATIONS

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Kingsfold/Wagner

The Little Shepherd

Ulvi Cemal Erkin

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

Craig Courtney

RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Christmas Gloria

arr., Patrick Liebergen

*PRAISE HYMN 144

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

CRANHAM

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 106

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 134

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;

let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

*POSTLUDE

Gloria

Vivaldi

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* denotes standing as able.

PIANIST: Betsy Burmeister, Pam Knox, Dick Zimdars

LITURGIST: Pam Knox

ADULT CHOIR under the direction of Betsy Burmeister

HANDBELL CHOIR under the direction of David Boardman

ELECTRIC BASS: Bill Rigsby FLUTIST: Emily Nazario

COVENANT BAND: Warren Combs, Chris Wilson, Katy Terry, Donny Whitehead

MORE THAN FOUR QUARTET: Linda Rogers, Kathryn Fowler, Rich Reaves, Jim Anderson



Christmas Choral Worship

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

10:45 am

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Purple Third Sunday of Advent 10:45am Worship

CHRISTMAS CHORAL WORSHIP

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *O Come, All Ye Faithful, Angels from the Realms of Glory,
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, Infant Holy
Mary, Did You Know?* arr., C. Tornquist
We'll Dress the House Alfred Burt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL 82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL
(1st stanza-Choir; 2nd stanza-Congregation)

*CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

The Foskey Family

"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."

(The candle of joy is lit.)

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.

*HYMN "Advent Song" C. Brock

**Light the Advent candle, three: Think of heavenly harmony;
angels singing "Peace on Earth" at the blessed Savior's birth.
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
candle, candle burning bright fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Magnificent God, it is easy to rejoice at the wilderness bursting into bloom
and the hungry being filled with good things.**

**We may not want the powerful to be brought down
or the rich to be sent away empty.**

**We know that sometimes, we are the powerful. Sometimes, we are the rich.
Sometimes we are the ones with privilege, ignoring and harming
those you would lift up. Forgive us, humble us, and refocus us,
that we may follow your way of life and truth. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

Walk in the Light

arr., Andre Thomas

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" P.M. Vasile

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace
has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was
in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen!**

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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Isaiah 35: 1-10

MUSIC MEDITATIONS

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Lezy/Buckwalter

What Gifts Can I Bring?

Miller/Reynolds