



*Advent & Christmas
Musical Worship Service
December 14, 2025*

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Purple Third Sunday of Advent 11:00am Worship

MUSICAL WORSHIP

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *America's Favorite Christmas Carols* Music Medley

INTROIT *The Babe, the Son of Mary* arr., Jason W. Krug

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Every Valley* John Ness Beck

*CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

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.

(The Advent Candle of Joy is lit.)

Come now, O child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Joy.

*HYMN 126 "Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child" WONDERFUL CHILD
**Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child. Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and
mild; new life, new JOY the child will bring. Listen to the angels sing:
"Glory, glory, glory!" Let the heavens ring.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) **Your love, O Lord, is good news for the oppressed, and you bind up the brokenhearted. Forgive us when we think that your good news is only for us. Forgive us when we twist your gospel into something that fits comfortably into our lives. By your light, let us see you leading us beyond ourselves and into the world you love. By your grace, forgive us and free us to follow you. We pray in the name of the child of Bethlehem, Jesus Christ Our Lord.**
(Silent prayers of confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)
In Jesus Christ, God comes to us,
In the child of Bethlehem, God is *with* us.
My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL
(VERSE 3) **O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to they tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN *Animal Carol (Igbo)* arr., Quintina Carter-Enyi

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING	Isaiah 2: 2-4
CHORAL RESPONSE <i>Creation Will Dance & Rejoice!</i>	David Angerman
SECOND READING	Isaiah 9: 2-7
CHORAL/HANDBELL RESPONSE <i>How Quietly</i>	Joel Raney
THIRD READING	Isaiah 11: 1-9
CHORAL RESPONSE <i>Where Shepherds Lately Knelt</i>	Craig Courtney

FOURTH READING Isaiah 40: 9-11
CHORAL RESPONSE *A Carol Celebration* Tom Fettke
FIFTH READING Isaiah 60: 1-6
CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen! Tell It On The Mountain* arr., Mary McDonald

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *On Christmas Night* arr., Karissa Dennis

*DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him,
all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 134 "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 384 "Soon and Very Soon" Andrae Crouch
Verse 1: **Soon and very soon, we are gonna see the King (3x)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are gonna see the King!**

*POSTLUDE

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MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi LITURGIST: Sandy Whitney
ADULT CHOIR under the direction of Aaron Carter-Enyi CANDLE LIGHTERS: Bruce & Cathi Lancaster
HANDBELL CHOIR under the direction of David Boardman SCRIPTURE READERS: Adult Choir members
PRAISE BAND: Quintina Carter-Enyi, voice Donny Whitehead, sax, Donnie Lindsey, drums
CELLO: Carenen Osei-Frimpong (13) VIOLIN: Graham Osei-Frimpong (10) PIANO: Bayard Osei-Frimpong (8)