

The Third Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE “Forest Green” Dale Wood
“What Child is This?” John M Rasley
Karen Mohr

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Colton Williams and Jim Mankowski

The joy of the season is upon us. The time
is almost here.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Show us how to serve you.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Show us how to create joy in the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

May all people see the salvation of God.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come! Be born anew in
our world and in our lives.**

HYMN “Angels, for the Realm of Glory”

NCH 126 vs. 4.

**Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear.**

**Suddenly, your prayers attending,
Christ beside you shall appear.**

**Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ give thanks and sing.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Here we are Most Patient God,
In the third week of our Advent journey. You
alone know how that journey is going, Did we at
the beginning of the season promise to make
this Advent different? Did we promise in our
hearts to prepare ourselves spiritually to receive
the gift of your Son?

**We confess, O God, that we, so easily, have
given into the expectations of people and
situations around us. We allowed the times of
quiet we promised for you to slip away. Forgive
us in our distractions. Help us renew our
preparations for your coming. We look forward**

**to your promise to change things—to bring life,
and strength and courage to us**

So we wait a little longer— Moving ... at ... a ...
slower ... pace and with a great deal more
patience.

**Continue to be with us, O Lord as we learn to
wait with you.**

SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

OUR RESPONSE “Gloria, Gloria” #756

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria alleluia, alleluia!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Colton Williams and Jim Mankowski

ADVENT SONG “O Come, Advent” video

**O come and be the hope in all our lives
Though chaos and confusion still survive
We know the path of hate all too well
We need our God with us, Emmanuel!
Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to us
And all things shall be well**

**O come and bring your peace upon the earth
That even now still longs for its rebirth
We seek to live and move in your ways
Guide us to peace and justice all our days
Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to us
And all things shall be well**

**O come to us like joy of heaven’s dawn,
From Mary’s womb a faithful paragon*
Brought forth into this world by love’s power
Your Spirit through her labors in that hour
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us
And all things shall be well.**

**(paragon is a person or thing viewed as a
model of excellence)*

CANDLE LIGHTING RITUAL (LUKE 3:7-18)

When confusion claims us
When we feel unable to do anything right
The Holy invites us to be faithful
That we may find Joy (*Light candle of Joy*)
Where in the world do we find Joy these days?

CHILDRENS' TIME - "The Third Sunday of Advent"

CHOIR ANTHEM – "Carols Around (And a Round)" Arr. Carl J. Nygard

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 12:1-6

You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me. ²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. ⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

MEDITATION

Pastor Jacoba Koppert

"Holding onto Joy"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN "The King of Glory" #75

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.

Refrain

In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among his people, curing their illness.

Refrain

Sing then of David's Son, our savior and brother;
In all of Galilee was never another.

Refrain

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;
He took upon himself the sins of the nation.

Refrain

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen.
And he will share with us his heavenly vision.

Refrain

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Karen Mohr

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Announcements

We welcome you to our service of worship!

We are glad that you have joined us in-person, through the internet or on the radio.

We pray that you will experience the love of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

RADIO BROADCAST

11 AM Sunday radio broadcast on WCCN 98.5FM and 1370AM

This week's radio broadcast is sponsored by Berdella Carl and Roger Carl in loving memory of the Carl and Seelow families.

- **Tuesday, December 14** –
5:00 pm – Deacons meeting
5:30 pm – Trustees meeting
6:30 pm – Council meeting
- **Wednesday, December 15** –
6:00 – 7:30 pm - Confirmation
- **Sunday, December 19** –
10:00 am - Sunday School Christmas Program
- **Friday, December 24th**
4:30 – Family Christmas Eve Service
7:30 – Traditional Eve Service
- **Sunday, January 2** –
After worship – Budget meeting



CHOIR – will practice Wednesday, December 22 at 6 pm.



PLEASE HAVE YOUR ORDERS IN no later than Monday, December 13th

We are taking orders for poinsettias from Falls Florist for our sanctuary's Christmas Eve Services. You can choose between white or red poinsettias this year. The price is \$15.00 and they can be ordered in honor, in memory or for any other reason you may have. They can be taken home after the 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Please make your check out to Falls Florist. Thank you for your orders.

Name: _____

In honor of / In memory of white / red (please circle one)

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