

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021, 11:00 am

Please note the following details concerning the bulletin format: When you see **bold italics**, **we all read aloud together**. An * invites those who are able to stand.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"What Child Is This?"
Kate Stubbs and Susan Whipple, piano

Robert Vandall

GATHERING PRAYER

Dave Petke

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Zephaniah 3

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

The King of Israel, the Lord is in our midst; we shall fear disaster no more. The Lord says, I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

Lord, we wait for you to bring us home.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

We light this candle as a symbol of God's love for us and our love for one another. For the Lord rejoices over us with gladness, and renews us in his love. He exults over us with singing and turns our shame into praise.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

*HYMN 104

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT O Lord, How Shall I Meet You Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right? 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me; 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will, Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light! your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er sad - ness and bid our fears be bring an end to still. kin - dle, Lord most ly, a lamp with-in my breast, ho tell - ing, that led you to O love be-yond all em - brace In pa-tient ex-pection we live for that great day do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you to love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len when your re-newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of the One God who lives and moves among us, you are forgiven. *The Lord has taken away his judgments. We will not worry. AMEN.*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Collin Adams

Children ages 3 years - 3rd grade may now be dismissed to attend Godly Play (Children's Church) in Room 102.

ANTHEM

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flock"

Craig Courtney

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shown around, and glory shown around.

"Fear not" said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind; Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind, to you and all mankind.

To you in David's town this day is born, of David's David's line. The Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:

The heav'nly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed, all meanly wrapt in swathing bands and in the manger laid, and in a manger laid.

All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace: Good will hence-forth from heav'n to earth begin and never cease. Begin and never cease.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 12

SERMON "What Do We Say?" Rev. Collin Adams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, in gratitude for all that you have given us, we bring our tithes, offerings and labor to help feed a world hungry for healing and hope; for the sake of Jesus Christ. AMEN

*HYMN 92

"While We Are Waiting, Come"



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

"Arise, Sons of the Kingdom"

J.S. Bach

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