



***Our Vision***

*is to be Christ to each other and our  
community – doing justice, loving mercy  
and walking humbly with our God.*

*Sunday, December 13, 2020*

*Third Sunday of Advent*

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## *Third Sunday of Advent*

The Lord's Day

December 13, 2020

The Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Traditional English Carol  
arr. Anna Laura Page

*The First Nowell*

Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

*As the candles are lighted, we celebrate the presence of Christ, who is the Light.*

The Passing of the Peace

The Call to Worship

Kathy and Mike Hensley

Psalm 26; NRSV

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Lighting the Third Advent Candle: Joy

Laura and Justin Hicks

The Hymn of Praise

ANTIOCH

*Joy to the World! The Lord is Come*

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing...
2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let men their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy...
3. No more let sins and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessing flow far as the curse is found...
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love...

The Pastoral Prayer

Matt Johnson

The Poinsettias

Melissa Patton

*Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming*  
Sanctuary Choir  
(Recorded December 15, 2019)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung.  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung.  
It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind:  
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright she bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.

The Hebrew Bible Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-9; NRSV

Matt Johnson

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

*The Time to Rejoice?*

Matt Johnson

The Offertory Prayer

Lonnie Myers

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music

*Still, Still, Still*  
Fernwood Ringers  
(Recorded December 17, 2017)

arr. Cathy Moglebust

The Doxology

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

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.

The Hymn of Response

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

The Pastoral Benediction

Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Traditional German Melody  
arr. Lloyd Larson

*While by the Sheep We Watched*  
Marcia Harris, piano

*As we prepare for service, the Light of Christ goes out before us.*

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*Joy to the World! The Lord is Come*; Words 1719 Isaac Watts; Music George Frederick Handel, arr. Lowell Mason 1836

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*; Words 1894 Theodore Baker; Music 1609 Michael Praetorius

*Still, Still, Still*; ©2010 Choristers Guild

Old 100<sup>th</sup> 1551 Genevan Psalter

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*; Words 1744 Charles Wesley; Music 1830 Rowland H. Prichard

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