

Joy

I BRING YOU
GOOD TIDINGS
OF
GREAT JOY

LUKE 2:10



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

Pre-Service Music *O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam
(Instrumental Ensemble)
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen arr. Joel Raney
(Jubilate Ringers)

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of First-Time Visitors

Minute for Missions - Cub Scouts David Silver

Prelude *Away in a Manger* arr. Joel Raney
(Jubilate Ringers; Connie Petersen, flute; Ann Morgan, piano)

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle Victor, Angelette,
Victor Michael and Arianna Arias

Leader: Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer. We light this candle in hope... We light this candle for peace... We light this candle in joy!

People: (Singing) *While we are waiting, come (2x). Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.* No. 92
(Eric Nanz, guitar; and Alana Nanz, piano)

Leader: Hear God's promise of joy from Isaiah: *The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. They shall see the glory of the Lord, and the majesty of our God.*

People: (Singing) *With power and glory, come (2x). Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

Leader: *Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God!" Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.*

People: (Singing) *Come, Savior, quickly come (2x); Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

Leader: Let us pray: O Lord, our redeemer, you lead us from languishing in sorrow's shadows into laughter's joy over your abundant restoration. Thank you that you are coming for us in order to lead us home along your Way in Jesus Christ.

People: *While we are waiting, come (2x). Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

No. 93

***Prayer of Confession**

Leader: We are suspicious, afraid, O God. Each one of us, in our own way, has chosen a path that leads away from your joy. We are insulated, cut-off from each other and from you. Each one of us, in our own way, has chosen paths away from those in need and away from each other. We need you to call us back to paths of your righteousness. Guide us in your way and forgive us our pointless journeys in life, O Lord.

People: *Come, Lord Jesus; forgive us and restore us.
Come, Lord Jesus; guide us and deliver us.
Come, Lord Jesus; teach us and renew us.
Come Lord Jesus. Bring us hope, peace and joy.*
(Silent Prayer)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

No. 113

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Glo—ria in excelsis De-o; Glo—ria in excelsis De-o!*

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Leader: As forgiven people, washed in water and born of the Spirit, let us share the peace of Christ with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you!*

Scholarship Presentation

Reed Kaserman

Hymn for the Children to Come Forward

No. 110

*Love has come: a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.*

(Eric Nanz, guitar; and Alana Nanz, piano)

Time with the Children

Dr. DeYoe

*Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is a gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!*
(Eric Nanz, guitar; Alana Nanz, piano)

First Scripture Reading *Isaiah 61:1-4*

Alan Woodford

Anthem

Calypso Noel
(Chancel Choir; Jubilate Ringers)

arr. Joel Raney

Second Scripture Reading *John 1:1-18*

Sermon

Give the Word

Dr. DeYoe

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all. We believe in Jesus Christ, sent to us by God in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn—who emerged as the herald of hope. Jesus is God's affirmation of us in the face of despair, leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful. We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and will be completed in the union of earth and heaven, when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness, and gathered into the joyous fulfillment of God's desire. For the coming of that day, we pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

***Hymn**

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn
(Eric Nanz, guitar; Alana Nanz, piano)

No. 107

Election of Officers

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (“sins”)

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Offertory

Can You Hear the Christmas Bells?
(Chancel Choir; Jubilate Ringers)

arr. Joel Raney

***Response**

No. 113

*Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Glo—ria in excelsis Deo; Glo—ria in excelsis De-o!*

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn**

Of the Father's Love Begotten (verses 1-3, 6)

No. 108

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Emmanuel

Bob McGee

***Postlude**

Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow
(Instrumental Ensemble)

arr. Mark Hayes

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