



**THIRD SUNDAY**  
OF  
*Advent*

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

## The Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

**Morning Worship**

**Eleven o' clock**

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Greeting and Invocation**

Dr. Wayne Brown

**Prelude**

*For Unto Us a Child Is Born*  
(from MESSIAH)

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski  
George Frideric Handel

\* **Carol of Praise, No. 96**

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*  
(Please see this carol on page 4.)

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

The Candle of Joy

**Leader:** Today is the third Sunday of Advent. We light the candle of Joy. Our joy is in God, and in his son Jesus Christ. Like peace, joy is a gift from God. It overtakes us and fills us when we remember what God has done and what he has promised to do.

**People:** We light this candle to remind us that Christ came, and is coming, so that all people might have a rich and abundant life. We thank God for the hope he gives us, for the peace he bestows, and for the joy he pours into our hearts.

**Leader:** Let us pray: O God of Joy, Emmanuel, send your light into our hearts. Help us to be ready for the time of Christ's appearing. Fix our hearts and our minds upon those things you have done and those you have promised to do that we may have the joy you have promised. As we worship you, strengthen us so that we may always do your will and so bless you and the world you have made. Amen.

**Song Response**

*One Candle Is Lit*

CRADLE SONG

Come, fes - tive - ly sing while a - wait - ing the  
birth, join an - gels in danc - ing from heav - en to  
earth. Wave ban - ners of good news, lift high thank - ful  
praise. One can - dle is lit for the joy of these days.

Carol, No. 108

*How Great Our Joy*  
(Please see this carol on page 5.)

JÜNGST

Offertory Prayer

Mrs. Brenda Carter

\* Offertory Response

*Advent Doxology*

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo-ry be to Christ the Son, glo-ry  
to the Ho-ly Spir - it, glo-ry to the Three-in - One. Here we  
of - fer to you glad - ly all the gifts that you im - part, as we  
glo - ry in your Pre - sence, giv - ing from a grate-ful heart.

Today, our Children's Music Activity will present the Children's Sermon in song. Afterward, children under the age of seven are welcome to attend Children's Church, or they may return to their seat and worship with the congregation.

Children's Sermon

*Glory in the Highest*

Children's Music Activity  
Joanne and Milton LeDoux

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Brown

Scripture Reading Micah 5:2; Luke 2:1-7; John 1:1-5, 14-18

Dr. Brown

Sermon

*The Place Was Bethlehem!*

Dr. Brown

\* Hymn of Commitment, No. 121

MARGARET

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*  
(Please see this carol on page 6.)

Benediction

Dr. Brown

\* Postlude

*Glory to God*  
(from MESSIAH)

Mrs. Slomanski  
George Frideric Handel

# 96

## Good Christian Men, Rejoice

*You believe in him and are filled with ... glorious joy — 1 Peter 1:8 NIV*

1. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice      With heart and soul and voice!  
 2. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice      With heart and soul and voice!  
 3. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice      With heart and soul and voice!

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day.  
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this.  
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save;

Man and beast be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now:  
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, And man is blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all, To gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day,      Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this,      Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save,      Christ was born to save!

WORDS: Medieval Latin Carol, 14th Century; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866  
 MUSIC: Traditional German Carol, 14th Century

IN DULCI JUBILO  
 Irregular

# 108

## How Great Our Joy

*With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation — Isaiah 12:3 KJV*

1. While by the sheep we watched at night, Glad tid - ings brought an  
 2. There shall be born, so he did say, In Beth - le - hem a  
 3. There shall the Child lie in a stall, This Child who shall re -  
 4. This gift of God we'll cher - ish well, That ev - er joy our

*f* an - gel bright.  
 Child to - day.  
 deem us all. How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy,  
 hearts shall fill.

*f* joy! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! *p* Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

WORDS: Traditional German Carol  
 MUSIC: Traditional German Melody; arr. Hugo Jüngst, 1853-1923

JÜNGST  
 Irregular

# Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne 121

*Christ Jesus ... being in the form of God ... was made in the likeness of men — Philippians 2:5-7 KJV*

1. Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy king - ly crown, When Thou  
 2. Heav - en's arch - es rang when the an - gels sang, Pro -  
 3. The fox - es found rest, and the birds their nest, In the  
 4. Thou cam - est, O Lord, with the liv - ing word That should  
 5. When the heav - ens shall ring, and the an - gels sing, At Thy

cam - est to earth for me; But in Beth - le - hem's home  
 claim - ing Thy roy - al de - gree; But of low - ly birth  
 shade of the for - est tree; But Thy couch was the sod,  
 set Thy peo - ple free; But with mock - ing scorn,  
 com - ing to vic - to - ry, Let Thy voice call me home,

was there found no room For Thy ho - ly na - tiv - i - ty.  
 didst Thou come to earth, And in great hu - mil - i - ty.  
 O Thou Son of God, In the des - erts of Gal - i - lee.  
 and with crown of thorn, They bore Thee to Cal - va - ry.  
 say - ing "Yet there is room, There is room at My side for thee."

1-4. O come to my heart, Lord Je - sus, There is room in my heart for Thee.  
 5. My heart shall re - joice, Lord Je - sus, When Thou com - est and call - est for me.

WORDS: Emily E. S. Elliott, 1836-1897  
 MUSIC: Timothy R. Matthews, 1826-1910

MARGARET  
 Irregular



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**Deacons of the Week**

12/12 Janice Young / Brad Johnson  
12/19 Ron Walters / Haywood Corbett  
12/26 Lauren Cole / Hilda Ray  
1/02 Genie Carter / Peggy Underwood

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**Sunday, December 12**  
9:00 a.m. Missions Emphasis Breakfast, Guest Speaker—Rev. Mason Smith  
11:00 a.m. **Morning Worship**, Children’s Worship  
12:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Extra Rehearsal

**Monday, December 13**  
5:15 p.m. Children’s Music Activity

**Wednesday, December 15**  
4:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Saturday, December 18**  
2:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal

#### LOOKING AHEAD

**Sunday, December 19**  
11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Presents —“Were You There on That Christmas Night?”

**Monday, December 20**  
9:30 a.m. Finance Meeting

**Tuesday, December 21**  
6:30 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting

**Wednesday, December 22**  
6:00 p.m. Live Nativity—Three Showings  
6:45 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Friday, & Monday, December 23-27**  
Office closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas

**Friday, December 24**  
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

**Sunday, December 26**  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

**Monday, January 3**  
Office closed for New Year’s Day