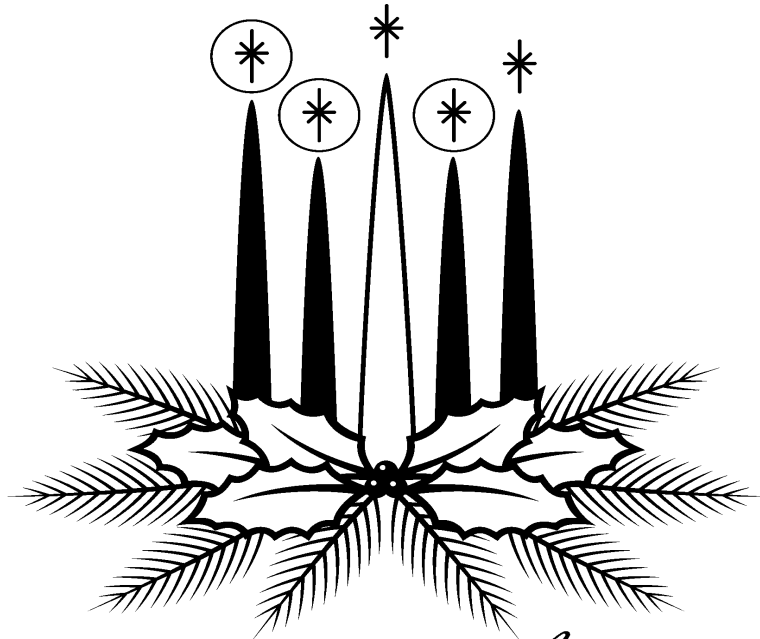


2020

“Behold, The Mighty Hand of God”



3RD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship
with us today!**

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. *Hebrews 4:16*

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

PRELUDE

Beth Helwagen

WELCOME AND PRAYER

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Today we light the first, second, and third candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, and the third candle is JOY

All: **You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before You, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."**

Isaiah 55:12

(The candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy are lit)

Leader: Let us pray: Gracious God

All: **You came to us in human flesh and You abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with Your Joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, Who makes our Joy complete. Amen.**

Adapted from an Advent Litany by The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you**

(Wave and/or Honk to each other)

SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verse 1

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.**

Verse 2

**O Come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.**

Chorus

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

(Interlude)

Verse 3

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease.
Fill the whole world with Heaven's peace.**

Chorus

Chorus

Ending

Shall come to you, O Israel.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Heavenly Father,

All: **Prepare our hearts to hear Your Word and believe so we are made ready. For Your Word is coming into this world bringing Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Prepare us to receive Him and see His glory. He is Your only**

begotten Son, Jesus Christ the Lord; Who lives and reigns with You along with the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSONS

Isaiah 61:1 - 4, 8 - 11

Psalm 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 24

GOSPEL

John 1:6 - 8, 19 - 28

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

“All Might Believe!”

SONG

How Great Our Joy!

Verse 1

**While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.**

Chorus

**How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!**

Verse 2

**There shall be born, so He did say,
In Bethlehem a Child today.**

Chorus

Verse 3

**There shall the Child lie in a stall,
This Child who shall redeem us all.**

Chorus

Verse 4

**This gift of God we'll cherish well,
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.**

Chorus

NICENE CREED (in unison)

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father, Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer.

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: . . . Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - in unison

All: **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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: **Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

SONG

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Chorus

**Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.**

Verse 1

**While shepherds kept their watching,
O'er silent flocks by night;
Behold throughout the heavens,
There shone a holy light.**

Chorus

Verse 2

**The shepherds feared and trembled,
When lo above the earth;
Rang out the angel chorus,
That hailed our Savior's birth.**

Chorus

Verse 3

**Down in a lone-ly manger
The humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.**

Chorus

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

NEXT SUNDAY December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

**2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Psalm 89:1-5 (19-29) Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38**

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December 13th

Third Sunday of Advent

TODAY >>> Last day for Christmas poinsettia orders.

December 20th

Christmas Live Nativity

7:00 pm in the Faith in Christ parking lot Teen Servants will present a Live Nativity for you to enjoy from your car. Tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to hear the narration and join in the singing. The Nativity will be repeated at 7:30 PM.

December 24th

Christmas Eve Worship

7:00 pm in the Faith in Christ Parking Lot. Invite your friends and help fill the parking lot with hearts full of Christmas Cheer as we celebrate the Birth of Christ Jesus the Lord.

December 27th

**First Sunday after
Christmas**

