

2024

“Worship the God of Wonders”



3RD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to hear and join in today’s Worship service

It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me. How great are His signs, how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; His dominion endures from generation to generation..

Daniel 4:2,3

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.”

WELCOME AND PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER: CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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ADVENT LITANY AND CANDLE LIGHTING (based on Gen. 1:1 -5)

Leader: In the beginning

All: God created the heavens and the earth,

Leader: the earth was a formless void

All: and darkness covered the face of the deep.

Leader: the Spirit of God was moving

All: over the face of the waters.

Leader: Then God said, "Let there be light."

All: And there was light.

Leader: And God saw that the light was good.

All: God separated the light from the darkness.

Leader: God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

All: And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Leader: Like the dawn of a new day,

All: the coming light of Christ brings Joy.

(Light candle of Joy)

Leader: As light from the candle of Joy dispels the darkness

All: Joy fills our souls!

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

All: And also with you (*Greet each other sharing Christ’s peace.*)

HYMN Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel **LBW #34**

Verse 1

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

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.

Verse 2

Oh, come, Oh, come, great Lord of might,
Who to Your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe. Refrain

Verse 3

Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free
Your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Your people save
and give them vic-t'ry o'er the grave. Refrain

Verse 4

Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Your advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

Verse 5

Oh, come, O Key of David, come.
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery. Refrain

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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THE KYRIE

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THE HYMN OF PRAISE

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THE SALUTATION

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Lord God, Heavenly Father

All: We give thanks that in Your great mercy and compassion You sent Your dear Son to become incarnate and through Him redeemed us from sin and eternal death. Enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may always be thankful for such grace and be comforted in all trouble and temptation, and at last, obtain eternal salvation; through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One true God, now and forever.
Amen. Veit Dietrich - reformation theologian

THE LESSONS

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Philippians 4:4-7

THE GOSPEL

Luke 7:18-28

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

The Evidence Is There for You to See

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.

Verse 3

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

Verse 4

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

NICENE CREED (in unison)

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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: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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**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 LAMB OF GOD

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THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord" LBW pg. 92

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 - sung

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

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Verse 1

**God rest ye merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Saviour Was born on Christmas day;
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

Verse 2

In Bethlehem, in Jew-ry, This blessed Babe was born,
And laid within a manger, Upon this blessed morn;
The which His Mother Mary Did nothing take in scorn:
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Verse 3

From God, our Heavenly Father, A blessed Angel came,
And unto certain Shepherds, Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by Name:
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy

Verse 4

"Fear not." then said the Angel; "Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Saviour Of a pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's pow'r and might:"
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy

Verse 5

The shepherds at those tidings, Re-joic-ed much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding In tempest, storm and wind.
And went to Bethlehem straight-way The Son of God to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Verse 6

And when they came to Bethlehem
Where our dear Sav-iour lay,
They found Him in a manger, Where oxen feed on hay.
His Mother, Mary kneeling down Unto the Lord did pray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy

Verse 7

Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace.
This holy tide of Christ-mas All other doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

NEXT SUNDAY December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings for Next Sunday

Micah 5:2-5a Psalm 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45 (46-56)

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