

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Hark! The Herald Sing* arr. Innes
One License # 113944

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – the Candle of Joy Adam & Samantha Engel
This is the season of holy light into our darkness. The first Sunday we lit the Candle of Hope, Second Sunday we lit the Candle of Peace. Today we light the third candle of Joy.
To those who live as exiles from home in a dark time, to those enslaved as exiles due to others' oppression, to those who are sin's exiles from their best God-promised selves, the Lord speaks the joy of good news.

The Old Testament Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20 page 1023 OT

*The Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* 41
Congregation sings verses 1 & 3

*The Prayer of Praise and Adoration Isaiah 12:2-4, Philippians 4:4
Surely God is my Salvation; I will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, Rejoice! Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously!

*The Response *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* 31
Congregation sings verses 1 & 2

The Special Music *In Silence We Wait* Larson & Parker
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading Luke 3:7-18 page 81 NT

The Sermon "Bearing the Light" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed (Ecumenical) page 14 hymnal

*The Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* 23
Congregation sings verse 1

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Manger Songs* Larson
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*The Doxology
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 Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* 23
Congregation sings verses 2 & 3

*The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude *Born Is He, the Divine Christ Child* Harris
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* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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**Our guest musicians today are Laurel Taipale, organ & piano
and Ruth Estell, violin**

The flowers today are in memory of Arlene Gulliver from her Granddaughter Bridget.



Congregational Meeting

TODAY, immediately following worship, there will be a congregational meeting to elect Elders for the Second Presbyterian Church Session. Please plan on attending.

Elder Nominations:

Karen Schadel – 1 year
Alex (AJ) Makrianis
Pam Moran
Fred Herter

Second Term – 2024

Adam Engel
Billie Bauer

SERRV Sale

The SERRV merchandise is displayed in the gathering area. We have many new items and wonderful gift ideas. Please consider shopping and supporting the artisans. 25 % of the proceeds will go to support the Mission projects we as a congregation contribute to throughout the year. Cash or check only.

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