

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

8:30 am

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Contemporary Service of Worship

(During our time of worship, you are free to stand in Jesus' presence or to sit at his feet, as you feel moved by the Holy Spirit of God.)

Welcoming & Announcements

Lighting the Advent Wreath

The Veeder Shave Family
Chris, Meegan, Cosette and Macey Cate

Praise and Worship

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven
Hymn of Joy

Opening Prayer:

L. O God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted, let your herald's urgent voice pierce our hardened hearts and announce the dawn of your kingdom. Before the advent of the One who baptizes with the fire of the Holy Spirit, let our complacency give way to conversion, the struggle against oppression and justice, and conflict to acceptance of one another in Christ. We ask this through the One whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

God's Word

Hebrew Bible Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10 Pew Bible 709
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:2-11 Pew Bible 965
Sermon
Silent Meditation

Our Response

Prayers *(Please use prayer cards to indicate thanksgivings and concerns)*
The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Glory to God Forever

Dismissal with Blessing

Sermon Notes / Prayer Requests

SERVICE OF THE WORD

10:45 AM

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Preparation

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming arr. Pat McCullough
Joyful Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP:

- L. Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion!
- P. **For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.**
- L. Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day,
- P. **and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst.**
- L. Tell the people to take heart.
- P. **For indeed, the Lord, our God, will come!**

OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign" No. 157

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Proclamation

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH Jacqueline Bell and Latisha Delandro

SUNG RESPONSE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 211
(Verses 1, 2 & 6)

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON: Isaiah 35:1-10 Pew Bible 709

SUNG RESPONSE: "People Look East" No. 202
(Verse #3)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 11:2-11 Pew Bible 965

PREPARATION HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 213

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

Response

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM He Will Come Patrick Liebergen
Chancel Choir and Joyful Ringers

DOXOLOGY (see insert)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending Forth

CLOSING HYMN: "Blessed Be the God of Israel" No. 209

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Angels We have Heard on High Anna Laura Page