

ORDER OF WORSHIP
DECEMBER FIFTEENTH, 2023
The Third Sunday of Advent

"To get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with."
-Mark Twain

PRELUDE "And He Shall Come: 3. Rejoice!" Don Hart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME MUSIC "Night at the Manger"
Bell Choir

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice, my friends, rejoice!

Many: We seek time to embrace joy.

One: Rejoice, my friends, rejoice!

Many: We create opportunities to embody joy.

One: Rejoice, my friends, rejoice!

Many: We join in singing songs that announce joy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT
THE JOY CANDLE
The Whelden Family

THE ADVENT WREATH SONG

Light the Advent candle one. Light the Advent candle two.
Now the waiting has begun. Think of us, the people who
We have started on our way, Are in need of that great light,
Time to think of Christmas day. That will come on Christmas night.

Light the Advent candle three.
Think of what it means to be
Giving of ourselves today,
Showing love in some small way.

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Refrain:
Candle, candle burning bright,
Shining in the cold winter night.
Candle, candle burning bright,
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY "Advent Tidings"

DOXOLOGY #778 New Century Hymnal

Old 100th

You may rise in body or in spirit

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ and Spirit One.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GREET ONE ANOTHER

SHARING OF CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

THE PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:4-7 (*p. 955*)

THE MESSAGE "Joyful Anticipation" Rev. Charley

HYMN #117 Pilgrim Hymnal "Angels From the Realms of Glory"
You may rise in body or in spirit.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The Christmas Song" Arr. Mark Hayes

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may be shared.*