

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn *“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”* PH#8

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude *“Voluntary on Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland” Callahan*
(Savior of the Nations, Come)

Please be seated for the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Jonah Steele

PIANIST:

Rich Ford/Julia Territo

LITURGIST/:

Barbara Sampson

GREETER/USHER:

Jane Stephenson

***Please stand, if able**

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Joy

I BRING YOU

GOOD TIDINGS

OF

GREAT JOY

LUKE 2:10



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December 11, 2022

3rd Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude "Procession on Wachtet Auj"

(Sleeper, Awake)

Callahan

Prayer of Preparation (for your personal use, during Prelude)

O Lord, give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness shall keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Advent Call to Worship: The Hope of Your Coming

(When prompted by the narrator, respond with:)

P: Oh Lord, You are our Joy.

Lighting of Advent Wreath: Jane Stephenson

*Hymn "I've Got Peace Like a River"

PH#368

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, forgive our lack of faith in your loving power. We look around us and all that we see is what we don't have. We fail to notice the daily blessings you lavish upon us. Clear our blindness to the needs of others. Strengthen us and move us from lame excuses for not serving you. Help us to truly listen to one another, not with our pat answers ready, but with loving and generous hearts. Heal us and make us ready to truly be your disciples. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Time of silence for personal reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

*Gloria Patri

"Gloria Be to the Father"

PH #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Christmas Program

"We Three Camels"

Sermon

"My Spirit Rejoices in God my Savior" Jonah Steele

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

PH#145

Prayers of the People

As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Cherry Tree Carol"

Giamanco

*Doxology

PH #591