

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT - DECEMBER 12, 2021



Questions arise from John and his followers about the true identity of Jesus. The Lord's response is one encouraging them to see, hear, and understand that he is the one sent by God. On this Third Sunday in Advent, we are reminded that God is always near. He hears our prayers and grants us the joy of his salvation. That precious gift comes to us most clearly in the person of Jesus who is "God with us."

## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and give thanks to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.
- ◆ A personal hearing aid is available if needed. Please ask a Greeter or any member for assistance.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

MUSICAL PRELUDE - KAREN HALL

SPECIAL ADVENT LITURGY

ENTRANCE HYMN — "HARK, THE GLAD SOUND" (*Sung: LBW #35*)

**Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.**

**He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before him burst, The iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace To enrich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Your welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With your beloved name.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (*Luke 7:18-23, adapted*)

P: The disciples of John came to Jesus and asked: "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"

**C: Jesus replied to them: "Go back and report what you have seen and heard:**

P: the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and good news is preached to the poor.

**C: Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."**

P: You worked the works of God, Lord of Glory, that we should believe in you. In this unholy age, help us to keep faith in the midst of the world's doubt, lest we desert you and deny you when days of trouble come. We confess now our doubts and weakness before you. (*Silent confession....*)

P: In Christ's name your sins are forgiven. Go in peace and the grace of our Lord Jesus build you up in faith and holiness that you may stand in the day of trouble. **C: Amen**

KYRIE (*Sung: "Come, O Precious Ransom, Come" - LBW #24*)

A: Let us pray to God the Lord, **C: for his peace and our salvation.**

A: Let us pray for unity **C: and the health of every nation.**

A: Grant, O God, your mercy wide; **C: keep us safely by your side.**

PRAYER

P: Stir up your power, O Lord Jesus, and bring God's kingdom among us. **C: Heal the sick, encourage the hopeless, and strengthen the faith of all who put their trust in you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

FIRST READING - Zephaniah 3:14-20 (*Sit; Pew Bible, p. 940*)

SECOND READING - Philippians 4:4-7 (*Pew Bible, p. 1166*)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (*Sit*) - "GET READY"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — THE JOY CANDLE

ADVENT GOSPEL VERSE (*Stand, Sung: "On Jordan's Banks" - LBW #36*)

**O Christ the Lord step forth we pray And speak your word to us today;  
Our minds with gospel truth now fill That we may know and do God's will.**

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES - Luke 7:18-35 (*Sung; Pew Bible, p. 1026*)

**C: Glory to you, O Lord. / C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRESENTATION

KAREN HALL, MUSIC DIRECTOR

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING HYMN (*Sung: "What Child is This" - LBW #40*)

**So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; Come peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthroned him. Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby; Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

OFFERING PRAYER

**C: We offer, kind Father, our gifts and praise, a joyful return for the gift of your Son. Amen**

### LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

PREFACE DIALOG (*Sung: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" - LBW #45*)

P: The Lord God be with you. **C: And with you, His servant.**

P: Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

**C: With hearts uplifted, thanks to Him we render**

**With joy we come before Him, In gratefulness implore Him,**

**With thankful hearts adore Him evermore!**

THANKSGIVING

P: Thanks and praise be to You, our Father, Almighty Creator, Merciful Lord, God of Promise and Fulfillment. Of old Your faithful people waited for the day of visitation, manifest at last when the time had fully come and You sent forth Jesus Christ, Your Son. Having seen His glory, now we wait for the day of consummation, when He will come again as Judge and King. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS (*Sung: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" - LBW #60*)

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!**

**Heav'n and earth cannot contain All the glory of your name!**

**Hail hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh,**

**In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing!**

**Hail, Hosanna! Praises due, Be forever, Lord to you!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER (*Sung: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" - LBW #54*)

**All: Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne, / Most holy be Your name.  
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, / On earth, in heav'n the same.  
Give us this day the food we need; / Forgiven may we be;  
Into temptation do not lead; / From evil set us free.**

**Yours is the kingdom; Unto You / in grateful love we bow;  
And yours the pow'r, Lord, let us view / Your mighty presence now.  
The glory Yours; Your praise be sung / By angel host and men  
In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue / Forevermore! Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD (*Sung: "Silent Night" - LBW #65*)

**All: Lamb of God, hear our prayer, Lifted high as we draw near:  
Take away the sin of the world, take away the sin of the world,  
Grant in mercy your peace, grant in mercy your peace.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

POST COMMUNION HYMN (*Sung: "Angels We Have Heard on High" - LBW #71*)

**All: Thank the Lord and sing his praise, tell the world what he has done.  
He recalls his promises, keeps them all in his dear Son.  
Gloria! Sing songs of thanksgiving. Gloria! Joyful hearts uplifting.**

DISMISSAL PRAYER

P: Send us forth into your Father's world, O Lord of Glory,

**C: and let the love and unity of this table find a place in all our hearts and homes. Amen**

BENEDICTION (*Luke 2:29-32, adapted*)

P: The Lord send you forth in peace. The Lord open your eyes to his salvation. The Lord reveal his glory to you and all people.

**C: Amen**

SENDING HYMN — "DAY BY DAY" (*Stand, Sung*)

**Day by Day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.**

**Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.**

**Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.**

DISMISSAL

P: Christ has come. Christ is with us. Christ will come again.

**C: We watch and pray for his glorious Day!**

MUSICAL POSTLUDE - KAREN HALL



## Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus Mini-Musical Cantata

From the opening medley to the closing song, “Call Him Jesus”, you will be taken on a worship journey that recounts God sending his Son to us — Emmanuel — God with us.

Christmas Worship Medley: “Tell Me the Story of Jesus”  
“How Great Our Joy!”  
“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”  
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”  
“Joy to the World”

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *with* “Come, Thou Great Redeemer”  
“Sing the Glory”  
“Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)”  
“Call Him Jesus” *with* “Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child”

### Choir Members

<b>Soprano :</b>	<b>Alto:</b>	<b>Tenor :</b>	<b>Base:</b>
Michelle Batchelor	Amy Terry	Andy Dasher	Richard Hall
Leslie Dickerson	Carlyn Waldhour	Henry Dickerson	Rod Stephenson
Julianna Hall		Alan Waldhour	Harrold Wheeler, Jr.
Beth Helmlly			
Karen Hall			
Carol Patterson			

**Narrator:** Ramona Kessler  
**Sound Technician:** Steven Hill

Liturgical Portions: Tunes: “Come, O Precious Ransom”, “On Jordan’s Banks”, “What Child is This”, “O Come, All Ye Faithful”, “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”, “Silent Night”, “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”, “Angels We Have Heard on High”: Public Domain

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