

# The Well

*Third Sunday of Advent  
December 14, 2025*

## **We Gather**

Saxophone Prelude    *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel/What Child Is This?*

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Celebration

*Do You Hear What I Hear?*

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,  
“Do you hear what I hear?  
Ringing through the skies, shepherd boy,  
Do you hear what I hear?  
A song, a song, high above the trees,  
With a voice as big as the sea,  
With a voice as big as the sea.”

Do you hear what I hear?

Said the shepherd boy to the Mighty King,  
“Do you know what I know?  
In your palace warm, Mighty King,  
Do you know what I know?  
A child, a child, shivers in the cold.  
Let us bring Him silver and gold.  
Let us bring Him silver and gold.”

Do you hear what I hear?

Do you hear what I hear?

Said the king to the people everywhere,  
“Listen to what I say.

Pray for peace, people everywhere.

Listen to what I say.

A child, a child, sleeping in the night,  
He will bring us goodness and light.  
He will bring us goodness and light.  
He will bring us goodness and light.

Do you hear what I hear?

Can you hear it?

Do you hear what I hear?

Can you hear it?

Do you hear what I hear?

Can you hear it?

Can you hear it?

Welcoming One Another

### Lighting of Advent Wreath: Joy

Reader: In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God's salvation.

ALL: **We choose to believe that the day is coming when "the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."**

Reader: We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.

### Song

#### *Let Us Adore*

The heavens declare  
The glory of God,  
And all of the world  
Will join the praise,  
His wonders proclaim.

The oceans and skies  
Lift up their voice,  
And all He has made  
Will rise to bless  
The King of all kings.

Let us adore Him.  
Let us adore Him.  
Jesus Christ is the Lord.

Eternity's King  
Is coming again.  
Though all of the earth  
Will fade away,  
His truth will remain.

Let us adore Him.  
Let us adore Him.  
Jesus Christ is the Lord.

Come and behold Him.  
Bow down before Him.  
Jesus Christ is the Lord.

Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah!  
You are worthy of all praise.

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Let us adore Him.

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Bow down before Him.

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Let us adore Him.

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Jesus Christ is the Lord.

Come and behold Him.

Bow down before Him.

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Jesus Christ is the Lord.

Come and behold Him.

Bow down before Him.

Jesus Christ is the Lord.

Jesus Christ is the Lord.

Jesus Christ is the Lord.

O Come, let us adore Him.

O Come, let us adore Him.

O Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

### **We Hear God's Word**

First Scripture Reading

[Isaiah 35:1-10](#)

Lisa Boren

The desert and the dry land will be glad;

the wilderness will rejoice and blossom like the crocus.

<sup>2</sup> They will burst into bloom,

and rejoice with joy and singing.  
They will receive the glory of Lebanon,  
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon.  
They will see the Lord's glory,  
the splendor of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands,  
and support the unsteady knees.

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who are panicking:  
"Be strong! Don't fear!  
Here's your God,  
coming with vengeance;  
with divine retribution  
God will come to save you."

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf will be cleared.

<sup>6</sup> Then the lame will leap like the deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless will sing.  
Waters will spring up in the desert,  
and streams in the wilderness.

<sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground, fountains of water.  
The jackals' habitat, a pasture;[a]  
grass will become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup> A highway will be there.  
It will be called The Holy Way.  
The unclean won't travel on it,  
but it will be for those walking on that way.[b]  
Even fools won't get lost on it;

<sup>9</sup> no lion will be there,  
and no predator will go up on it.  
None of these will be there;  
only the redeemed will walk on it.

<sup>10</sup> The Lord's ransomed ones will return and enter Zion with singing,  
with everlasting joy upon their heads.  
Happiness and joy will overwhelm them;  
grief and groaning will flee away.

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Chris Fulkerson

*Care for children up to age 5 is in Room 121. Worship Kits for children, containing crayons and puzzle sheets based on Scripture, may be found in the entrance area.*

Song

*Light of the World*

Light of the World, Treasure of Heaven,  
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky,  
Joy of the Father, reach through the darkness.  
Shine across the earth. Send the shadows to flight.

Light of the World, from the beginning,  
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love,  
From great heights of glory, You saw my story.  
God, You entered in and became one of us.

Sing hallelujah!  
Sing hallelujah!  
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done.  
Come and adore Him.  
Bow down before Him.  
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World.

Light of the world, crown in a manger,  
Born for the cross to suffer, to save,  
High King of Heaven, death is the poorer.  
We are the richer by the price that He paid.

Sing hallelujah!  
Sing hallelujah!  
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done.  
Come and adore Him.  
Bow down before Him.  
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World.

Light of the World soon will be coming.  
With fire in His eyes, He will ransom His own.  
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory,  
And there He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

Sing hallelujah!  
Sing hallelujah!  
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done.  
Come and adore Him.  
Bow down before Him.  
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World.

## Second Scripture Lesson

### [Matthew 11:2-11](#)

<sup>2</sup> When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples

<sup>3</sup> and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

<sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

<sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup> “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Message

“Unseen Gifts”

Pastor Duane

*If you would like to discuss today's message after the service is over, join the Reflections group in Room 114.*

## **We Respond to the Word**

Offering Our Gifts

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom com,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

## **We Are Sent to Serve**

Closing Song

*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*  
God rest ye merry, gentlemen.  
Let nothing you dismay.  
Remember Christ our Savior  
Was born upon this day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.  
  
From God our heavenly Father  
This blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy,

O tidings of comfort and joy.

O, star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain.  
Gold I bring to crown Him again.  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.

O, star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and sacrifice.  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!  
Worshipping God most high.

O, star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

God rest ye merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay.  
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The Blessing

