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*Emmanuel
God With Us*



December 17, 2017

*Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for the Lord's Day*

December 17, 2017

11:10 AM

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

To prepare for worship, you may want to reflect on Scripture or pray.

"I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels." Isaiah 61:10

PRELUDE "Sing We Now of Christmas" Karrin Ford

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH
(Please sign the friendship pad that is located near the center aisle of each pew.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN No. 41 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

SCRIPTURE READING John 3: 16-21

BRINGING THE LIGHT "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

**O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer, our spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH The Jenkins Family

Scripture reading Luke 2:8-14
Lighting of the Candle of Joy

COLLECT (UNISON PRAYER)

Eternal God, as the angel brought news of a great joy to the shepherds, we too have news of joy to share. Renew in us the joy of salvation in Jesus Christ. Help us to be bearers of this good news to all people, so that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Emmanuel – God With Us!
An Elfinwild Children's Christmas Pageant*

The Messiah Foretold
Isaiah 9:6

Gabriel's Visit
Luke 1:26-38 and Matthew 1:18-24

Hymn No. 44: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (v. 1, 4)

The Journey and Birth
Luke 2:1-7

Hymn No. 25: "Away in A Manger"

An Event for Everyone
Luke 2:8-20

Hymn No. 31: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (v. 1)

A Royal Visit
Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn No. 66: "We Three Kings"

Light of Life
John 1:1-5

Offering – "Go Tell it on the Mountain"
Elementary Choir and Sunday School Kids
Congregation, please join us in singing the chorus. The children will sing the verses.

Prayer – Dr. Dirk Lesnett

Our Joy – John 3:16

***Recessional Hymn No. 40: "Joy to the World"**

*Parents of pageant children, please go to the following rooms to pick up your child:
Animals – Chapel, Angels – Library, Shepherds – Upper Gathering Room
Thank you!*

Join us in the Upper Gathering Room at 9:30 AM to celebrate Heather Heere's many years of service to our Lord as Elfinwild Presbyterian's past pageant director!