

Third Sunday of Advent

The Joy of the Lord

December 13, 2015

Color: Violet

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. This is a season to prepare for the coming of the Lord. We light the candle of joy today.

PRELUDE: Come and enter the presence of God and prepare yourself for worship. Join us in enjoying God's presence as Jayne Thompson and our worship team leads us in songs of praise.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **OPENING SONG OF WORSHIP:**

We Want To See Jesus Lifted High

THE PROCESSIONAL AND ILLUMINATION

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)

Leader: We come into His house to worship our God in spirit and truth

All: We do not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Leader: When life becomes difficult and hard

All: We turn to our God who lightens our load

Leader: The Spirit of God will touch our hearts and renew our spirits.

All: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Amen.

 **SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

All in All; Happy Birthday Jesus

PRAYER of INVOCATION: PASTOR CAL

OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH:


Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: Choir "Listen To Christmas"

 Doxology

HYMN # 95

 Prayer of Dedication

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: See Insert

Today we welcome the Wood family to light the third candle, the candle of Joy.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

SONG OF MEDITATION:

Joy to the World

HYMN # 246

PRAYER TIME

We share words of celebration and thanksgiving

We share our prayer needs and petitions

Pastor: The Lord is with you.

Congregation: And also with you

Pastor: Lord have mercy.

Congregation: Christ have mercy.

Pastor: Let us pray

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 53:1-6 PEW BIBLE 633

New Testament Lesson Romans 5:1-6 PEW BIBLE 980

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

 **GLORIA PATRI**

HYMN # 71

GOD'S PROMISE SERIES: PASTOR CAL

TODAY'S MEDITATION: The Promise Of A Savior

 **CLOSING HYMN:**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

HYMN # 211

**THE RECESSIONAL
BENEDICTION POSTLUDE**

 Please join in standing together as one

Thank You for turning off your cell phones and
Bringing only water into the sanctuary ☺

Thank you to the Volunteer, Worship Leaders

December 13, 2015

Greeters: Martha Dienst &

Valorie Miller

Ushers: John Walker &

Bud Fletcher

Co-leader: Jerry McKean

December 20, 2015

Greeters: Barbara Walker &

Bonnie Gordon

Ushers: Merrily & Doug Stone

Pastor: F. Calvin Miller

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