

Third Sunday of Advent

The Candle of Joy

December 11, 2016

Color: Violet

Advent is a season to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Jesus came the first time as Savior. Jesus is coming again. Let us prepare our hearts for his coming.

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: This Little Light Of Mine
The Processional and Illumination

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively) based on Matt 11

Leader: We hear the echo of a promise: "I'm coming!"

ALL: Are you really the One?

Leader: "The blind receive their sight and the lame walk."

All: Are you really the One?

Leader: "The lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear."

ALL: Are you really the One?

Leader: "The dead are raised and the poor eat their fill."

But are you really the One?

Leader: "I'm the One who changes the world. Are you really ready for me?"

All: With God's help, we're ready to follow you.

With God's help, we are preparing for your return!



SONGS OF WORSHIP: Happy Birthday Jesus; Open Our Eyes

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Pastor Cal

OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH

Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: **Choir Anthem: "Born Neath A Star"**



Doxology # 95

Prayer of Dedication

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Song of Meditation: *Joy to the World*

Hymn # 246

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

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.

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson: **Zechariah 6:12**

Pew Bible 822

New Testament Lesson: **John 18:36**

Pew Bible 943

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.



GLORIA PATRI:

Hymn # 71

ADVENT SERIES: The King in the Cradle

TODAY'S MEDITATION: *The Reign of Christ the King* Pastor Cal



CLOSING HYMN: Hark! The Harold Angels Sing Hymn # 240

The Recessional

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



All who are able, please stand

Thank you for not bringing food or beverage, except water, into the Sanctuary as well as turning off your cell phones during service ☺

Join us for Wednesday night Hour Of Prayer with Pastor Cal, 6-7pm!

Thank you to this weeks Worship Team!

December 11, 2016

Greeters: Mark & Cindy Landanno
Ushers: James & John Joslin
Co-Leader: Katrina Fleming

December 18, 2016

Greeters:
Ushers:
Co-Leader:

Pastor: F. Calvin Miller
Senior Deacon: S. Mark Price
Fellow Deacons: Merrily Stone
Cindy Carvill, Jerry McKean, Katrina Fleming, Robert Duval, Marvin Bernstein, Martha Dienst
Junior Deacon: Dakota Wood
Director of Music: Jayne Thompson
Children's Ministry: Brandy Wood
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Offering for the week of November 27, 2016

General	\$1,478.00	Missions	\$130.00
Loose Offering	\$10.00	Poinsettia	\$12.00
Hall Rental	\$100.00	Steeple Lighting	\$20.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$144.00		
Total	\$1,898.00	Thank you for giving & God Bless!	

Offering for the week of December 4, 2016

General	\$1,500.00	Missions	\$114.00
Communion	\$80.00	Holly Bazaar	\$2,551.70
Loose Offering	\$158.00	Poinsettia	\$84.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$8.00		
Total	\$4,495.70	Thank you for giving & God Bless!	