

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

Color: Violet

We celebrate the season of preparation for His coming.

We celebrate Advent with our Cantata,
The Christmas Story: A Classic Carol Celebration.

Arranged by Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Processional and Illumination **Jesus, What a Wonderful Child**

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)

Leader: Love has come down to us this Advent Season.

All: Divine love which heals and transforms our lives.

Leader: With great joy, we receive that love and share it with others.

All: We open our hearts to all God's children, the last, the least, and the lost, as well as those who feel privileged.

Leader: The Lord has done and continues to do great things for us.

All: Praise be to God who loves us so much and who challenges us to be people of joy in this darkened world.

AMEN.

 **OPENING HYMN:** The First Noel

Hymn #245

OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH


Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: Marcia Desilets playing "*Silent Night*"

Composed by Franz Gruber, arr. by Chris Rice

 Doxology # 95

 Prayer of Dedication

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH SEE INSERT

Today we welcome the Charland family to light the third candle. The Candle of Joy!

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

Pastor: The Lord is with you.

Congregation: And also with you

Pastor: Lord have mercy.

Congregation: Christ have mercy.

Pastor: Let us pray.

THE CANTATA PRESENTATION

The Christmas Story: A Classic Carol Celebration

The Living Nativity "Away In A Manger" Verse 1

Marcia Desilets, Director of Music

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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 phone during the service ☺

Please join us downstairs after service for a time of fellowship, a light luncheon and the Children's Christmas Party with a visit from Santa.

This afternoon no later than 3:30 pm we will gather at the church to go Christmas caroling. Please join us.

Our schedule of Christmas Eve Services on Dec. 24th:

Children's Service in our Sanctuary 5:00 PM

Living Nativity at the Clark Memorial YMCA 6:30 PM

Candle and Carol Service in our Sanctuary 10:00 PM

A special thank you to our Music Director, Marcia Desilets and the Choir for the many extra hours of preparation for today's service.

Thank You to this weeks Volunteer Worship Leaders!

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Greeters: SCOTT & HEATHER
NASIATKA
Ushers: ADAM & JENNIE
LEBLANC
Co-leader: CINDY CARVILL

December 23, 2018

Greeters: PAT NEVILLE &
CINDY CARVILL
Ushers: MARK & CINDY
LANDANNO
Co-leader: DEB SCORTICO

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Director of Music: Marcia Desilets

Children's Ministry: Brandy Wood

Youth Minister: Jennie LeBlanc

Office Administrator: Cheri Comer

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Offering for the week of December 2, 2018

General \$957.50 Missions \$208.50 Loose Offering \$336.10
Poinsettia \$48.00 Upper Room Devotionals \$20.00 Communion \$26.00

Total \$1,596.10 Thank you for giving & God Bless!

Offering for the week of December 9 2018

General \$2,255.50 Missions \$59.50 Loose Offering \$829.00
Insurance Refund \$194.00

Total \$3,338.00 Thank you for giving & God Bless!



Merry Christmas, may you find Joy!