

Third Sunday in Advent

December 13, 2015 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Dona Nobis Pacem*
Joyful Noise

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The prophet reminds us that we are to bear fruit worthy of repentance. The Messiah is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire and all flesh shall see his glory.

We light the third Advent candle in preparation for the coming of God's Messiah. We prepare by repenting of our sins, and living lives devoted to loving God and serving our neighbor.

(Light two blue candles and the pink Advent candle)

Come, Lord Jesus.

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

***Hymn #203** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Opening Prayer

Holy God, we gather with expectation and hope as we approach the advent of your Son, Jesus of Nazareth, whose coming was foretold by prophets of old. Grant that through the singing of your praise, and hearing of your Word, we may be prepared for another encounter with the Living Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Gloria: *Mass of Light
Susan Hrbek, cantor; Hsin-Yi Chen, piano

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading – Zephaniah 3:14-20

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Canticle TFWS #2030** *The First Song of Isaiah*

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri #70**

Epistle Reading – Philippians 4:4-7

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn** (insert)

Down By the Jordan

***Gospel Reading – Luke 3:7-18**

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People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children's Message

Sermon – “What Should We Do?”

Pastor Alan

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith #881 – The Apostles' Creed**

Prayers of the People

The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:

Leader: Lord in your mercy
People: Hear our Prayer.

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

Offering & Offertory *Rejoice, O Daughter of Zion*
Melissa Chavez, soprano; Hsin-Yi Chen, piano

***Doxology** (UMH #95)

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

***The Great Thanksgiving** (UMH, pg. 17, Setting A)

***The Lord's Prayer**

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

In the Bleak Midwinter

Prayer After Receiving (UMH, pg. 11)

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn #196**

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**For those who are able, please stand*