



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

**Third Sunday of Advent
Rev. Dr. Barbara Booth-Jarmon
December 15, 2024
9:30am**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering of the People

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING – JOY

Sue King & Lanie Ballard

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ, and we lit the candle of Peace, remembering God's dream of a peaceful world.

In Advent, we are in a time of waiting. Like the Israelites who wandered through the Wilderness, waiting to come into the Promised Land, we wait for the coming of the Joy of Ages. We wait for the day where we can join our voices with the angels to sing "Joy to the World, the Lord is come!". We wait for the day when everlasting joy will be on each of us.

We light this candle in Joy.

All: On this day, we remember the Spirit who breathes joy into our lives.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 146)

Liturgist: Happy are those whose help is in God whose hope is in the Lord their God,

People: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever,

Liturgist: who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to hungry.

People: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Liturgist: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

***GATHERING SONG**

"Canticle Of The Turning"

Rory Cooney

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from the Book of Common Worship PCUSA

Unison **This season is supposed to be focused on your gift to us, God of Christmas, but the sales offers and ads turn us into complainers. We worry if we have done enough, bought enough or decorated as beautifully as we planned. As we drive down the streets, the decorations keep us from seeing the loneliness of the widower, the strained faces of those who fear the future. We are so determined to find just the right gift or card which speaks of joy, we forget that you came so long ago to offer justice to those who have none.**

Silent Confession

*Please stand if you are able

Unison **Be patient with us, God of our hearts, as we struggle to speak for the voiceless, to walk with those who have lost their way, to let go of our certainty of what really happened to long ago, and listen to the songs of Joy which speak of that peace which really can bring into a relationship with You. Of that grace which really can offer hope, of love which really can to us that night in Bethlehem, in the birth of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #813

The Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35:1-10
Matthew 11:2-11

p. 709
p. 965

SERMON

"Joy to the World"

Pastor Barbara

Responding to the Word

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"How Great Our Joy"

#269

CALL TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***DOXOLOGY**

#815

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sending

***SENDING HYMN**

"Joy to the World"

Choir Anthem

CHARGE AND BLESSING

*Please stand if you are able

Announcements

Prayer Concerns - If you are worshiping with us online, please use the chat feature to type your prayers and we will include your concerns.

Bells of KMPC: Come ring in the Advent and Christmas season with us. We practice from 6-7pm on Wednesdays. New members welcome. Talk with Sharyn if you have questions. 🛎

Food Ministry: Our Christmas Grocery Giveaway is Dec.21. We hope to give away at least 30 bags of food with a turkey, bread, and butter. We need jelly, syrup, pancake mix, tuna, canned fruit or applesauce, pasta sauce, gravy, cranberry sauce, and brownie mix or cookie mix. We will be packing up the bags on Thursday, Dec.19 around 3. If you would like to help packing up the bags, please let Sue King know.



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