

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 15th, 2013 3rd Sunday of Advent
Order of Morning Worship
11:00 am

Organ Prelude and Chimes
Welcome and Announcements

Billy Wade

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship

Leader: Waiting in our darkness;

People: *Slammed doors and unanswered cries.*

Leader: The phone that doesn't ring.

People: *The child who hasn't returned home.*

Leader: The promise that hasn't been kept.

People: *The cure that hasn't been found.*

Leader: Waiting in our darkness,

People: *We remember God's promise and we are not alone.*

Leader: We wait while the dawning light appears on the horizon,

People: *And we know we will walk in the light of God's Son.*

•**Hymn 23** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

Call to Confession (Isaiah 35:1, 4)

Leader: Let the desert rejoice, and let the dry land be glad,

People: *for God has come to save us!*

Leader: Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty, for your grace. You make a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance, and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees, as we seek to follow in your holy way. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 35:10)

Leader: Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more.

People: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!*

• **Kyrie 574** *You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!*
You are the Christ, Giver of Mercy!
You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

Proclamation of the Word

"The Advent Wreath" Brian, Penny, Harleigh, Moose, Bayleigh, Lydia and Trever Lee

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

Lighting of the Advent Candle II "*Candle of Peace*"

Advent Prayer

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10

Lighting of the Advent Candle III "*Candle of Joy*"

Advent Prayer

Hymn 4 "Creator of the Stars of Night" (verses 1, 2 and 3)

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Children's Time

Prayer for the Day

Lord God, in this dry and dusty place, pour out the power of your Spirit so that your Word may blossom in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our way in the wilderness. Amen.

Scripture Isaiah 35:1-10
Matthew 5:6; 11:2-11

• **Gloria Patri** Page 579

Anthem "We Wait for the Coming of Jesus" Adult Choir

Sermon "Hungering and Thirsting for Christ" Rev. J. Malcolm Brownlee

Response to the Word

•**Hymn 9** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

Prayers of the People

Thanksgivings

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

•**Doxology (#592)**

•**Prayer of Dedication**

•**Hymn 53** "What Child Is This" GREENSLEEVES

•**Benediction**

•**Congregational Response** "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (verse 1) #29

Postlude

•Those who are able, please stand

(Please see bulletin insert for Questions for Reflection and Household Prayers)