

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 13th, 2015
3rd Sunday of Advent
Order of Morning Worship
11:00 am

Prelude
Procession
Welcome and Prayer of the Day

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship (adapted from Isaiah 9)

Leader: You, O God, have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;

People: *they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest.*

Leader: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given;

People: *authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Leader: His authority shall grow continually,

People: *and there shall be endless peace.*

•Hymn 9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

Moment of Silent Confession

Kyrie 572 "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

(Respond with Alleluia, Amen!)

•Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106 (refrain)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

•The Peace

Leader: . . . The peace of Christ be with you all!

People: *And also with you.*

• Gloria Patri

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Proclamation of the Word

"The Advent Wreath"

Derek, Cindy and Ashlyn Almarode

Scripture Isaiah 2:4, 11:6, 35:1

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

Advent Prayer

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Zephaniah 3:14-20 (*pages 826-827*)

Mary Ann Anderson

Philippians 4:4-7 (*page 183*)

Luke 3:7-18 (*page 55*)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Children's Sermon

Anthem

"We Wait For The Coming Of Jesus"

Adult Choir

Sermon

"Chopping Trees"

Rev. J. David Shearer

Response to the Word

•Apostles' Creed (*Traditional*) page 14

•Hymn 53

"What Child Is This"

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Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Amen #583 - *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

•Doxology (#592)

•Prayer of Dedication

•Hymn 38

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

CAROL

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #29 (*refrain*)

Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

Postlude

• *Those who are able, please stand*