



THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

— JOY —

IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ♦ DECEMBER 13, 2020

Who We Seek to Be

In our love for Christ and guided by God's Word we seek to be a community of

Joyful Worship, thoughtfully centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living God and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ.

Loving Fellowship, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

Life-changing Learning, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

Enthusiastic Service, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus as we proclaim the gospel near and far in word and deed.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *The Annunciation/ The Magnificat*

Marty Haugen
CHRIS AND RACHEL GILMORE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

SCHEIDT FAMILY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Our souls magnify the Lord.

People: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

Pastor: The mighty One has done great things for us.

People: Holy is God's name!

Pastor: Let us worship God.

**All: For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
from generation to generation God gives mercy.**

based on Luke 1:46-50; *The Worship Sourcebook*

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands*

* OPENING HYMN: *Make Way*

G Am7 Dsus G Am7 D G

1 Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splen - dor ar-rives.
 2 He comes the bro - ken hearts to heal, the pris - oners to free.

D7 G Am7 Dsus G Am7 D G

Fling wide the gates and wel - come him in - to your lives.
 The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see.

Women G D/F# Em7 G/D C D Am7 D

Make way, make way for the King of kings. Make

Men

Make way, make way for the King of kings.

G D/F# Em7 G/D C Am7 Dsus D7 G C/G G

way, make way! and let his king - dom in.

Make way, make way! and let his king - dom in.

Text and music: Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

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WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

ALVA STEFFLER

Leader: If we look at our own lives,

All: We must confess the mixture of giving and selfishness, our waiting on the Lord turned to an endless rush, our missing the mark of Advent.

Leader: We need forgiveness for our frantic ways and misplaced efforts. But we are grateful that we can trust in God,

All: Who still brings salvation, who still supplies us strength, who hears our songs of gratitude, who accepts our joyful praise.

Leader: Let us draw water from the wells of salvation. Let us proclaim his greatness with all our being.

All: His saving deeds support our lives. His greatness still astounds us. The Holy One of Israel is among us.

Based on Isaiah 12

SONG OF CONFESSION: *My Soul in Stillness Waits (Verse 3)*

Refrain Am Dm9 F G A

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits;

B \flat C Am7 Dm9 *Fine* Am

tru - ly my hope is in you. 1 O Lord of
2 O Spring of
3 O Root of
4 O Key of

Dm9 Am Dm9 Am

Light, our on - ly hope of glo - ry, your ra-diance
Joy, rain down up - on our spir - its; our thirst - y
Life, im - plant your seed with - in us, and in your
Knowl - edge, guide us in our pil - grim-age; we ev - er

Dm9 Am Dm9 Am

shines in all who look to you. Come, light the
hearts are yearn-ing for your Word. Come, make us
ad - vent draw us all to you, our hope re -
seek, yet un - ful - filled re - main. O - pen to

Dm9 Am G C Am7 Dm9 *Refrain*

hearts of all in dark and shad - ow.
whole; be com - fort to our hearts.—
born in dy - ing and in ris - ing.
us the path-way of your peace.—

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life. Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace. Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us, setting us free to love and serve.

from The Worship Sourcebook

* ACCLAMATION *(Please stand)*

All: **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.
Amen.**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RON NETZEL

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNIKA DURBIN

ENVISION MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC: *What Child Is This?/O Come, Emmanuel*

CHRIS AND RACHEL GILMORE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ANNETTE LAPLACA

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

(Please stand for the reading of God's Word.)

READER: JOY HUDSON

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Psalm 16:7-11

- ¹ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
⁸ I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.
¹¹ You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. NRSV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

Luke 1:39-45

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" NIV

John 15:7-11

⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Spirit-Filled Joy*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG: *Joy to the World*

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King! Let eve - ry heart pre - pare Him room,
 ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of His right - eous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of His love, and won - ders of His

1. and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of His love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719
 MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

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* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Today

If you are in need of prayer, elder [Carl Pickard](#) will be available to pray with you (carljudypickard@gmail.com or 630-240-7614).

Thanks to our musicians: [Mary Hopper](#), [Chris](#) and [Rachel Gilmore](#)

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1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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Food Pantry open

3rd - 5th grade Sunday School Zoom

Youth Group Zoom

Adult Ed Zoom (Theology 101)

Dan Treier on the person and work of Jesus.

This Week

Tuesday

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

COMING

December 21 (shortest day): Observation of Blue Christmas, with sanctuary open hours for personal prayer and meditation (with a prayer elder available), considering this year especially many are grieving or struggling with depression and anxiety. The number in the sanctuary at any time will be limited to eight, masked and social-distanced. Open Sanctuary hours: 10 a.m.- noon, 2- 4 p.m., 6 - 8 p.m.

Christmas Eve: Plan to come to the church parking lot by 5 p.m. for a short outdoor service with candles and carols (masked, social-distanced).

Advent Calendar Food Drop Off: If you have been participating in the Reverse Advent Calendar food collection, you may drop off your donations at the Food Pantry on Tuesday, December 29th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or at the church Tuesday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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ELDERS

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Carl Pickard,
Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Gaby Sosa, Alva Steffler, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

DEACONS

*Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France,
Marc Johnson, Michael Kendrick, Harv Meyers, Tom Nguyen, Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson*

STAFF

*George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life;
Alva Steffler, Minister of Congregational Care; Mary Hopper, Minister of Music;
Annika Durbin, Children's Minister; Anna and Scott Scheidt, Ministers to Youth;
Amber Johnson, Business Manager; Barbara Lawrence, Church Secretary; Frank Lawrence, Church Sexton*