

*The LORD has done great
things for us, and we
rejoiced.
Psalm 126:3*

December 14, 2014
The Third Sunday of Advent

Celebration of Worship

* *If you are able, please stand.*

Prelude

Courante [CXVII]

Michael Praetorius (c. 1571-1621)

The Recorder Consort

Amy Visscher, cello

Amanda Schmitt, viola

Matthew Webb, harpsichord

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Isaiah 35: 1-10

Casey, Mark, Jack and Adam Wells

*** Call to Worship** *(responsively)*

Leader: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord.

People: My whole being shall exult in my God.

Leader: God has clothed me with the garments of salvation and
has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

**People: God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up
before all the nations.**

*** Hymn 100**

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Star of the County Down

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, For the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me.
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
These are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise that holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. (Refrain)

Confession and Pardon

Carolyn Crosthwaite

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Hear our prayer, O God, as we confess unto you our sin. We have failed to understand your gift to us in Jesus Christ. We take your love for granted, claiming your forgiveness, but continuing to sin. We hoard your blessings for ourselves, and overlook the needs of others. We trust in our own strength instead of living by yours. Forgive us, loving Creator. Help us to claim our new life in Jesus Christ your Son. By your Spirit lead us to live in your service and to share in word and deed the news of your redeeming love.

Kyrie: Hymn 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

Leader: We have confessed our sins; now it is time to forget the past and to live new lives in the present. Our hope is that we can start anew, following a new life of loving, forgiving and caring.

People: **In the newness of this moment we acknowledge that our sins are forgiven and look forward to the future God has given us.**

*** Response: Hymn 88** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: John 1:6-8; 19-28 (New Testament, page 86)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Lux Aurumque

Eric Whitacre (b.1970)

The Men's Chorus

Lux, aurumque calida pura velut aurum et canunt angeli molliter modo natum.

Light, warm and heavy as pure gold and the angels sing softly to the new-born babe.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 126 (Old Testament, page 541)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“There’s a Song in the Air: Advent Dreaming”

Dr. Smazik

*** Hymn 102**

Savior of the Nations, Come

Nun komm, der heiden heiland

Savior of the nations, come; virgin's son make here your home,
Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

From God's heart the savior speeds, back to God his pathway leads;
out to vanquish death's command, back to reign at God's right hand.

Now your manger, shining bright, hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue; let our faith shine ever new.

Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity praise we sing eternally.

Moment for Mission:

Capital Campaign Update

Debbie Snyder
and Dick Kaller

Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you. Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located in the pew pockets for your convenience. Cards will be collected with the offering.)

Offertory

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

The Men's Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere that Jesus Christ is born. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

*** Doxology (unison)**

Lasst uns Erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Sing praises, Alleluia!

Praise God, Creator, God the Son

Praise God the Spirit, three in one

Sing praises, sing praises, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The leader continues...

...Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven,
we worship and adore your glorious name, praising you forevermore.

Sung Response

(Music for Response S4, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 9)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The leader continues...

...Therefore, remembering his incarnation and holy life,
his death and glorious resurrection,
his ascension and continual intercession for us,
and awaiting his coming again in power and great glory,
we claim his eternal sacrifice and celebrate with these your holy gifts
the memorial your Son commanded us to make.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Sung Response

(Music for Response S5, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 10)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The leader continues...

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

Sung Response

(Music for Response S6, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 11)

Amen, amen, amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(To signify our oneness in Christ, worshipers are asked to hold the bread until everyone has been served. The cup may be drunk as soon as it is received, indicating your individual relationships with Christ.)

Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* Hymn 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Valet will ich dir geben

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

Love caused your incarnation, love brought you down to me;
your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace
in love all loves excelling our lost and fallen race.

You come, O Lord with gladness, in mercy and goodwill,
To bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectation we live for that great day
when your renewed creation your glory shall display.

* Benediction

Postlude

Laßt uns das Kindelein

Franz Murshhauser (1663-1738)

The Recorder Consort

Amy Vissler, cello Amanda Schmitt, viola

Participating in the service today are The Reverend Dr. David J. Smazik, Elder Carolyn Crosthwaite; Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education; Matthew Webb, Director of Music; Ryan Kennedy, Organ Scholar; the Men's Chorus; and the Recorder Consort.
The acolytes are John Alessio and Evan MacGregor.

GREETING: Ginger and Terry Flaten, and Charlotte and Bob Franks.

USHERS: Dick Kaller, head usher, Brett Maginley, Marnie Kaller, Barbara King, Adam Redgate, Kevin Redgate, Matthew Redgate, and Cheryl and Bruce Smith

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in memory of Peg and Ray Mutchler and their parents by Shirley and Dave Mutchler

FELLOWSHIP HOUR today is hosted by Lena Fermani and Becky Vallardo.

OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK: *For a full schedule of meetings, go to our website.*

Sunday, December 14 *Office closed*

Third Sunday in Advent

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School (Children & Adult)
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 6:00 p.m. Carol Sing/Tower Musical and
ROGS dessert

Monday, December 15

- 9:00 a.m. N. S. Small Group (A. Mead)

Tuesday, December 16

- 8:00 a.m. Small Group (D. Lisco)
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Study (Verhoef)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Wednesday, December 17

**Nursery School closed for Christmas
holiday, reopening on January 5, 2015.**

- 7:00 a.m. Small Group (M. Kaller)
- 9:00 a.m. AAA
- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Worship
- 4:15 p.m. Ekklesia Middle School Youth Group
- 4:30 p.m. Bel Melodia **(Church On Green)**
- 5:00 p.m. Advent Study (McDonnell)
- 5:05 p.m. Bel Canto **(Church On Green)**
- 6:05 p.m. Tower Singers and Ringers
(Church On Green)
- 7:00 p.m. Circle 2
- 7:00 p.m. Koinonia High School Youth Group

Thursday, December 18

No opening meetings today

Friday, December 19

- 9:30 a.m. Volunteers (Tower Tidings/Bulletins)

Saturday, December 20 **Office closed**

- 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Yoga
- 1:00 p.m. Memorial Service for
Clara and Lindsey Andrews.

Sunday, December 21 **Office closed**

Fourth Sunday in Advent

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 8:45 a.m. Adult Advent Study
- 8:45 a.m. No other Sunday School
(Children & Adult)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with dedication of
the Christmas Joy offering

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We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the narthex at the back of the church.

Visitor's Information brochures are in the stands at the entrances
to assist you in finding your way around our campus.

Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshipers are in the drawers of the literature chests in both vestibules.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left door by the bell tables.)

Special Needs?

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices** are available from the ushers in the narthex at the back of the church.

Please come again

- **Worship Schedule:**
 - December 21: Services at 7:45 a.m. in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Adult Advent Study at 8:45 a.m., no other Sunday School classes
 - December 24: Services at 4:00 p.m. (Families), Services of Lessons and Carols at 7:00 and 11:00 p.m.
 - December 25: A Joyous and Blessed Christmas (No service today.)
 - December 28: Service at 10:00 a.m. only today. (7:45 a.m. will resume January 4.)
- **The Wednesday Noon Worship Service and Bible Study will not meet on December 24 or 31, but will resume on January 7, 2015.**



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