

GREETERS:	Bev & Bob Bowlsby
USHERS:	Bill Stewart, Anne & Terry McKee, Carol & Cliff Gillispie, Wendy & Don Moore
WELCOME HOSTS:	Nancy Wiley, Carol Little
COFFEE SERVERS:	Navigator Mariners: Lucy & Ron Laande
COFFEE HOSTS:	Martha Worley
FLOWERS:	Poinsettias

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Brian Tierney, Director of Choirs
Tom Anderson, Trumpet
Darlene Cusick, Organist

CHRISTMAS PLAY CAST

Julia Dillon, Charlie Eayers, Brendan Hughart,
Molly Hughart, Frances Morse, Eva Tierney,
Johnny Eayers, Evelyn Rose

SCRIPTURE READER

Autumn Anderson

Thanks to Karen Hughart, Evelyn Eayers, and
Autumn Anderson for their help in directing.

INNOVATION & VISION

OUR CORE VALUES

- Genuine relationships are the heart of our church.
- God calls us to meet the real needs of real people who are imperfect like us.
- We grow spiritually serving, worshiping, and laughing together.

OUR STRATEGIC FOCUS

Lighten the load for families in our local neighborhood.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- *In our neighborhood...*become more helpful
- *In our congregation...*become more relational
- *Across all ministries...*become more intergenerational
- *In our connections...*become more digital
- *In our decisions...*become more aligned with our values & mission

The regular schedule and contact list can be found on the green card in the pews. Please feel free to take one with you. Announcements for this week will be handed out by the ushers and found on the Information Desk and at the Good News Center.

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THE THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

DEC. 17, 2017

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

"Noel Joyeux", Young

WELCOME

Pastor Tim Jantos

ENTRY INTO CELEBRATION

LIGHTING THE THIRD
ADVENT CANDLE
(RESPONSIVE)

JILL HIBBS, LITURGIST

So we gather - the bewildered, the broken hearted, the fragile and the hopeful, the faithful and the faithless -

because all we have left when we stand in the world's darkness is this longing for love to be born once again.

(the third candle is lit)

Let us pray:

God of joy and exultation, you strengthen what is weak; you enrich the poor and give hope to those who live in fear. Look upon our needs this day. Make us grateful for the good news of salvation and keep us faithful in your service until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives for ever and ever. Amen.

*PRAISE GOD WITH SONG

(SCREEN)

"Joy to the World"

INVITATION TO PRAYER

During Advent, we prepare the way of the Lord. Together, let us pray...

*PRAYER LEADING TO NEW LIFE AND NEW BEGINNINGS

(UNISON)

God of Isaiah, John the Baptist and faithful ones unknown: you proclaim the unfolding of future joy and renewed life.



Strengthen our hearts to believe your advent promise that one day we will walk in the holy way of Christ, where sorrow and sighing will be no more and the journey of God's people will be joy. Amen.

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***MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER
AND REFLECTION**

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***WITH GOD'S GRACE
WE CAN BEGIN ANEW**

Let the light of Christ lead you to peace. Believe the good news this day: In the name of the Christ Child you are forgiven!

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***SONG OF RESPONSE**

(SCREEN)

refrain from "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,
shall come to thee, O Israel

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DON'T KEEP IT TO YOURSELF

In expectation of the Prince of Peace, please greet and welcome those around you with peace. Peace be with you.

And also with you!

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WE ARE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

**LISTENING FOR THE WORD
WITHIN THE WORDS**

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THE VERY BEST GIFT OF ALL

BY LAURA & ROBERT KEELEY
(ADAPTED BY SUE VAN STELLE)

Scene 1: Getting Ready (1)

Song: *"Prepare the Way of the Lord"*
(with congregation)

Scene 2: Mary & Joseph

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-7
Song: *"Away in a Manger"*
(congregation joins in on 3rd verse)

Scene 3: Angels & Shepherds

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-20
Song: *"Go Tell it On the Mountain"*
(with congregation)

Scene 4: Wise Men

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12
Song: *"He Came Down"*
(kids only)

Scene 5: Getting Ready (2)

Song: *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*
(with congregation)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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**WE OFFER OUR LIVES
AND GIFTS TO GOD**

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OFFERTORY

BRIAN TIERNEY, TENOR

"Every Valley Shall Be Exhorted"
from *"The Messiah"*, Handel

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***SONG OF RESPONSE**

(SCREEN)

refrain from "Angels We Have Heard on High"
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
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DEDICATION

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOING OUT TO SERVE

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***PRAISE GOD WITH SONG**

(SCREEN)

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

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***BLESSING**

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SENDING MUSIC

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing", Young