



Sunday, December 13, 2020

Third Sunday in Advent



Prelude	<i>Silent Night</i>	Sam Ramsey-Coffin, piano and vocal	traditional carol
	<i>Ode to Joy</i>	Martin Hill and Tim Zager, piano duet	arr. Randall Faber
	<i>Jingle Bells</i>	Avery Martens, flute	traditional carol
	<i>Silent Night</i>	Martin Hill, piano	arr. Randall Faber

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy Pastor Jeanine, Pastor Cynthia, Pamela and Tom Brown
Today is the third Sunday of Advent. We re-light the candles of love and hope. Today is the Sunday of JOY. Our joy is in God and in God's Son, Jesus Christ. Joy is a gift from God. It overtakes us and fills us when we remember what God has done and what God has promised to do. We light the joy candle today to remind us that Jesus came, and is coming, so that all people might have a rich and abundant life. We thank God for the joy Christ pours into our hearts.

Hymn *Star-Child* The Faith We Sing #2095
led by Tapestry

1. *Star-Child, earth-Child, go-between of God,
love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lightning rod,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

2. *Street child, beat child, no place left to go,
hurt child, used child, no-one wants to know,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

3. *Grown child, old child, memory full of years,
sad child, lost child, story told in tears,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

4. *Spared child, spoiled child, having, wanting more,
wise child, faith child, knowing joy in store,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

5. *Hope-for-peace Child, God's stupendous sign,
down-to-earth Child, Star of stars that shine,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Concerns and Celebrations

Jesus' Prayer

Loving God, Sacred One, Blessed be your name. May your kingdom come, your dream arrive, your purpose prevail, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrong we have done, as we forgive those who have wronged us. Help us steer clear of temptation, and protect us from evil. We trust you in this, for the kingdom, its power and its beauty, are yours forever. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Atley Collins and Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Offertory *Once in Royal David's City*

Henry Gauntlett

Noah Nielsen, vocalist

Christmas Pageant *God's Gift to Us* by Kendra Smiley, adapted by Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Join panicked and stressed Christmas shoppers trying to find the perfect gift for their loved ones when they realize, through the carolers they hear outside, that Christmas is about much, much more.

Please join in singing these carols:

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

*It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.*

Angels We Have Heard on High

*1. Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be,
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

Hymn *Joy to the World*

UM Hymnal #246, verses 1, 2, 4
led by Riley Hinnencamp and Velda Graham Bell

*1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

*2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*4. He rules the world with truth and strength,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.*

Postlude

Toccatina on Angels We Have Heard on High

Richard Elliot

Velda Graham Bell, organ



Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas Pageant:

Shoppers: Ella Walker, Kiki Langdon-Larson, Abbi Adamec, Grace Abbott

Carolers: Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, Jojo Coffin-Langdon, Maleeah Langdon-Larson, Kiki Langdon-Larson, Sam Ramsey-Coffin, Velda Bell, Mary Whitlock, Macaulley Whitlock, Alex Flinner, Andrea Flinner, Tim Robinson, Susan Smart, Katie Peterson, Nancy Eaton, Derek Bromme, Kelby Werner, Michael Goodlet, David Craig, Gary Lundstrom, Lauren Carolan, Stacy Carolan, Jeanine Alexander, Corey Hulst, Leah Hulst

Little Carolers: Annie Coffin-Langdon, Atley Collins, Millie Carolan, Liam Carolan, Zoie Pederson, Ellie Pederson, Noah Nielsen, Delaney Nielsen, Elijah Nielsen, Greta Nielsen, Aubrey Hauser, Alaina Hauser, Lily Geissler, Michael Flinner

Please join us for Christmas Eve Worship: our traditional Candlelight Worship service may be seen on our YouTube channel at both 4pm and 10pm on December 24. We are doing two premieres so that you will have a chance to greet other worshippers using the chat function. Both services may also be watched at any time after they premiere.

Advent and Christmas Giving Project: This year we are giving to people using the CHUM Food Shelf and Shelter, and Harbor House. Please bring your donated items to the front door of the church and put them in the bins with the yellow lids. The bins are available on Sunday from 11-12 and on Monday-Thursday from 10-2. Monetary donations or gift cards may be mailed to the church. This week we are collecting socks and underwear. Last week we collected cereal (especially needed by CHUM) and other food items, and the week before we collected warm hats, scarves, mittens and coats. You can donate any of these items any time during Advent. Thank you for your love and generosity to our community!

The Minnesota Annual Conference and Bishop Bruce Ough have dialed back our COVID status to Red, due to the surge of the disease in Minnesota. **For FUMC, it means the church office is closed** (we will do phone calls and Zoom meetings) and we will not be able to host any groups in the building until the status changes. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jeanine, Council Co-chairs Scott Hedlund or Ron Berkeland, or Lay Leaders Cindy Hedlund or Jim Wheeler.

Thank you to Bill Alexander and Alex Flinner for recording, compiling, editing and distributing the videos to create our online worship service.

Ways to give to support your church:

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1801 Piedmont Ave., Duluth, MN 55811

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