

Morning Worship

December 12, 2021, 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: The Joy of Home
~Third Sunday of Advent~

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Darlene Dobler-Palin

Lighting of the Advent Candle "Joy" Wallace Family

***Call to Worship (Responsively) Isaiah 12:2-6** Leader

Leader: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,

People: for the Lord God is my strength and my might; He has become my salvation.

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

People: And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name;

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;

People: let this be known in all the earth.

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,

People: for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

***Opening Hymn** "In the Bleak Midwinter" UMH #221

Marilyn Jones Dedication

***Opening Prayer/Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Leader
Heavenly Father, we come today to worship you in joy. However, the world around us seems to prefer focusing on conflict – and "depression" seems like the norm. We need your Joy. As your angel said to those shepherds at night, proclaim to us today, *I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.* Please open our hearts to this good news. We pray this is Jesus' name.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Advent Prayer" Patrick M. Liebergen

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3:14–20 (NIV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Reading** Luke 3:7–18 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "The Joy of the Good News" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Jesus Name Above All Names" TFWS #2071
(sung twice)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (Please mail in your offerings)

***Doxology**

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Hallelujah to *Jehovah-Shammah*, the One who will never leave or forsake us. You are always there. We take comfort and we are encouraged and confidently and boldly say “The Lord is my Helper; I will not be seized with alarm - I will not fear or dread or be terrified. What can man do to me?” Hallowed be Your name! As these gifts are accepted with joy, let us be people that give with joy – for *in your presence there is fullness of joy*. We pray this all in Jesus’s precious name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn “All the Earth is Waiting” UMH #210
(v 1-3)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” UMH # 211
(v 3)

Join us Wednesday’s @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)

(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)

(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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“Growing in the Body of Christ”