



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

DECEMBER 17, 2023

PRELUDE

“Three Festival Carols”
(Hayes/Gaspard)

INTROIT

“Joy Has Dawned”
(Getty/Townend)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of JOY. This candle is pink to mark the half-way point in our Advent journey. It represents the joy experienced by the shepherds who visited baby Jesus, and the joy that continues in our hearts today because we know Jesus as Savior. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Joyful Joyful”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things...our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us out of sin and brought us with joy into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us, and we confess we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone, Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“L'annonce”
(Saindon)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of truth and wisdom, as we listen for your living Word, send your Spirit to teach us your way, and lead us in the path of your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:6-8; 19-28

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“A Festive Pat-a-Pan”
(arr. Fettke/Grassi)

DRAMA

“I Have One Job - Part 3”
(G. S. Kohler)

MESSAGE

Longing:
“Longing for Joy”

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Light of the World”
(Daigle/Duncan/Mabury)

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(On Screens)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
(#154 vs. 1,2,4)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
(Hayes/Gaspard)

Preaching Pastor
Assisting Pastor
Director of Worship
Director of Media
Organist/Accompanist
Audio
Slides
Streaming
Ensembles

Worship Team

Scripture Reader
Advent Candlelighters
Drama

Geoff Kohler
Mofid Wasef
Elizabeth Virkler
Luke Graham
Ronél Wishnuff
Riley McKenna
Paula Vires
Lee & Berdi Meehan
Chancel Choir
Grace Notes
Joey Carano
Pete Harrison
Nathan Hubbard
Dorian Sailer
Vickie Bakki
The Brooks Family
Neil James
Dave Park

To Give:

