



WELCOME FAMILIES!

We are glad that you are worshipping with your children and want you to feel welcome.

There is a “**Pray Ground**” for quiet play in the front right of the sanctuary. We ask that families stay with their little ones and try to keep noise to a minimum.

If you or your little one needs “a break” or “louder play”, there is an “**Active Worship**” room on the West side of the sanctuary. You can see and hear the service from this room.

GATHERING



The Holy Spirit gathers us together during this time of worship

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Third Sunday of Advent

Inviting All to Live the Gospel through Faith, Love, and Compassion

Welcome to Family of Christ

You are welcome to participate in worship this morning
the way you feel comfortable.

All Are Welcome, No Exceptions!

Everybody Is Somebody Here

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, our world is full of the fruit of humanity's greed, apathy, and neglect for the love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

What, then, should we do?

Our world is also full of the fruit of God's love that wells up all around us, sustaining us, saving us, reviving us to live as the people of God.

What, then, should we do?

God encircles us on every side, Love divine present with us in creation, in community, and in the anticipated arrival of the infant Emmanuel. What then, children of God, should you do? We will live in joyful presence with God and neighbor, turning away from sin and toward a life with God and one another marked by joy, justice, and mercy. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Joy to the World” vv 1-4

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:

We light one candle for one God,
The one who comes to us as a baby, swaddled and wailing.
We light one candle for one hope, one light, one salvation.
We light one candle to say YES to the invitation
to participate in the story of God's people.

We light two candles for two people: you and me.
The way of Jesus is not often the easy one,
And so we walk it together.
We light two candles to say YES to the invitation
to walk the way of Jesus together.

We light three candles for the mystery of the Trinity:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit.

We light three candles as we worship that which we cannot ever
fully name.

We light three candles to say YES to the invitation
to look for the holy in the most surprising of places.

ADVENT CANDLE HYMN “Come to Us, O Emmanuel”

All young and young at
heart are invited forward
during the Children's
time.

Leader: Text by Tom Witt, alt.

Come to us, O Em - man - u - el,

All:

Come to us, O Em - man - u - el,

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Love of God
and Community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

Let Us Pray God of hope,

Lord God, **Give us courage like the holy family, the
shepherds, and the angels, that we too might say yes to
you in the most unlikely circumstances, and bear witness
to your justice for all, Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

“The Christmas Sweater”

*The kids will sing the hymn once,
please join us the second time through*

Welcome “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!

Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him Born the king of angels:

Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,

Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Scene 1 “Joy to the World”

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.

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Scene 2 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

*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!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

Scene 3 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*Hark the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful, all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

Scene 4 “Silent Night”

*Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace*

Scene 5 “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

*Go tell it on the mountains, over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountains,
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!
Go tell it on the mountains, over the hills and everywhere.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in Your Mercy

C: Hear our prayer

THE SENDING

We are blessed and sent out into the world to share God's Love with all people.



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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Lord God, you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us
and your love supporting us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” vv. 1-3

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SENDING

POSTLUDE

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