## Joy







December 17, 2023

## Third Sunday of Advent

10 AM

Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.

**Prelude** 

Veni, Emmanuel (M. Biery)

Marcia Snavely, organ

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Introit

Good News Is in the Air (H.L. Hassler; arr. Hal Hopson) Federated Choir

Marcia Snavely, piano

\* Call to Worship (responsive)

Rev. Betsy Wooster

One: Our souls magnify the Holy One, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

All: God has looked on us with favor.

One: God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up those who are lowly.

All: God has filled those who are hungry with good things, and sent those who are ungrateful away empty.

One: Come, for God is doing a new thing!

All: Come, let us worship God!

\* Passing of Christ's Peace

(Children K-8 leave for Sunday School)

\* Hymn

Come, O Long-expected Jesus

No. 125

Rev. Wooster

**Opening Prayer** (unison)

Loving God,

even in the midst of this season of goodwill,

there is much to confess.

In spite of holiday cheer,

stress and anxiety rule our lives.

We miss the reason for the season,

We fail to think about your reordered world-

\* Those who are able stand

a world where those who are lowly are lifted up and those who are hungry are filled with good things. Help us adjust our Christmas priorities, that we might join with you, O God, in preparing a world that welcomes the one who brings us hope, peace and joy. Amen.

**Lighting of the Third Advent Candle: Joy** Carol King-Shaw, Amanda Osman-Balzell, Bryan Balzell, and Rhiannon Balzell

**Hymn** One Candle Is Lit (seated; verse 3) No. 128

## Presentation of the Christmas Eve Offering Recipient: Humble Design

Kathy Kolcaba; Debbie Eastburn and Thea Mozingo

**Invitation to Generosity** 

Rev. Wooster

Anthem Canticle of Joy (C. Kirkland, T. Fettke) Federated Choir;

Marcia Snavely, piano

**Doxology** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 48

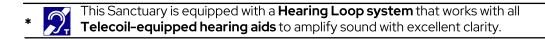
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; one God, triune, whom we adore.

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Throckmorton

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.



~ Departing to Service~			
	Postlude	God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen (N. Goemanne)	Marcia Snavely, organ
*	Benediction	on	Rev. Throckmorton
*	Hymn	Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates	No. 129
	Sermon		Rev. Throckmorton
	Scripture	Luke 1:46b-55	Rev. Throckmorton
*	Hymn	People, Look East	No. 142

## **UPCOMING WORSHIP**

Sunday, December 24th, 10 AM
Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love
Christmas Eve
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton tells a Christmas story
"You Have Found Favor With God"
Luke 1:26-38