

Joy

December 17, 2023

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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

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Rev. Wooster

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 Snavelly, 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 Rev. Wooster
**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.**

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This Sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Loop system** that works with all
Telecoil-equipped hearing aids to amplify sound with excellent clarity.

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| * Hymn | <i>People, Look East</i> | No. 142 |
| Scripture | Luke 1:46b-55 | Rev. Throckmorton |
| Sermon | | Rev. Throckmorton |
| * Hymn | <i>Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates</i> | No. 129 |
| * Benediction | | Rev. Throckmorton |
| Postlude | <i>God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen</i> (N. Goemanne) | Marcia Snavelly, organ |

~ Departing to Service ~

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

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in the narthex on your way out.*