

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Advent

December 14, 2014

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Eternal God, we seek signs of your presence in our lives. Open our eyes, open our ears, open our hearts to receive the word of hope as we anticipate the coming of the One whom you are sending.

The Christmas Story in song & verse according to the Gospel of Luke

PRELUDE

Mary Tidwell

WELCOME

Sally Hosea

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Tom & Pat Laney

Loving God, come and shine your light in the world! We will go forth from this place in hope, in peace, and in joy!

PRAYER

Sally Hosea

*INTROIT #82

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Wesley, 1744

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sally Hosea

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again, Rejoice!

We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #88

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Helmore, 1852

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ came so that our sins may be forgiven and so that we may be saved through Christ. In full confidence that Christ stands ready to hear, accept and forgive our sins, let us confess them now, first silently and then together.

SILENT PRAYER

Rev. Candice Klein

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Candice Klein

O Lord God, as we begin to prepare our hearts to receive the One whom you are sending, forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way. Forgive us, in the name of Jesus, the One who is coming. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's forgiveness is the light that is coming into the world in Jesus Christ. Because we have asked that this light free us from the darkness of sin, our sins are forgiven.

O God, we thank you for the assurance of your grace and forgiveness, for hearing our prayers and challenging us to seek righteousness, and for your gift of love and acceptance through your gift of the Holy Child. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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LUKE 2:1, 3-5

Bibles, p. 54/71

ANTHEM

“Benedictus”

by Forrest

LUKE 2:6-7

Bibles, p. 54/71

ANTHEM

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

arr. Raney

LUKE 2: 8-12

Bibles, p. 54/71

ANTHEM

*“Who Would Send a Baby?”
Bert Lowe*

by Beall

LUKE 2:13-14

Bibles, p. 55/71

ANTHEM

“Come Join the Angels Singing”

arr. Hopson

LUKE 2: 15-16

Bibles, p. 55/71.

ANTHEM

*“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”
Cindy Ratliff*

by MacGimsey

LUKE 2: 17- 19

Bibles, p. 55/71

ANTHEM

“One Small Child”

arr. Harlan

LUKE 2: 20

Bibles, p. 55/71

HYMN #134

“Joy to the World”

Watts, 1719

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*“Whiter Than Snow”
Sally Hosea, piano Mary Tidwell, organ*

Nicholson, 1782

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #143 *“Angels From the Realms of Glory”* (v. 1 - 3) Montgomery, 1816

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #143 *“Angels From the Realms of Glory”* (v. 4)

POSTLUDE Mary Tidwell

(*) Those who are able may stand. *Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

This week’s prayers and concerns: Jane, Tolly, Diane and Mike Dill, Debbie Murphy, Cindy Ratliff, Neil Pennal, Bob Hays, Patsy Snelgrove, Billie Manck, Jack Clark, Joyce Huggins

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesdays	4:15-5:15 p.m.	Kids for God
Sun. 12/14	Following Worship	Christmas Luncheon
Wed. 12/24	5:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service

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