

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2013

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor

Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Carol Medley

Handbell Choir

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Sing to the Lord, Alleluia!"

Pinkston

PRAYER FOR OUR CONGREGATION

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 98)

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have given him victory.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the Lord, our King.

Let the fields clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for he comes to rule the earth.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #21**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

***SALUTATION**

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

"He Came down that we may have hope (3x)

Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace . . .

He came down that we may have joy. . .

He came down that we may have love . . .

He came down that we may have life . . ."

*“I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,
down in my heart, down in my heart
I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay
And I’m so happy, so very happy.
I have the love of Jesus in my heart, down in my heart
And I’m so happy, so very happy.
I have the love of Jesus in my heart.*

I’ve got the peace that passeth understanding.....

I’ve got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus.....”

RESPONSIVE READING Luke 1:46-55 (Page 44 New Testament)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *“Joy in the Morning”* Sleeth

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35 (Page 496 Old Testament)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #160** *“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”*

SERMON **“Advent: Joy”**

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** Apostles’ Creed (Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*“If you want joy, real joy, wonderful joy, Let Jesus come into your heart
(repeat) Your sins He’ll wash away, your nights He’ll turn to day, Your
life He’ll make it over anew. If you want joy real joy, wonderful joy, let
Jesus come into your heart.”*

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING #161

"Joy to the World!"

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

"If you want joy..." Reprise

*POSTLUDE

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Bill & Sabra Leadbitter

Ushers: Matt & Ruth Den Dulk, Duane & Becky Woodward

Nursery: Barbara Nickel

Fellowship:

NEXT WEEK'S STEWARDS (**December 22**):

Greeters:

Ushers: Bill, Julie Anne, Jason & Marie Thompson

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship: Luncheon

CONSISTORY INSTALLATION

At our congregational meeting, Jane DeWitt and Ronald Dellinger were elected to serve as Elders on the Consistory. They will be installed in January. If anyone has a biblical reason why either of them should not serve on Consistory, please let the Pastor or a current Consistory member know.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Next Sunday plan to attend our Monthly Luncheon; please bring a dish to share. Also, consider bringing an item for the Food Pantry.

FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are: cereal, sugar, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, canned milk, jelly, ramen noodles, beef stew, chili, condiments like ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hot sauce. They could also use laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels and toilet paper.

The Record We Wrote: November 2013

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income:	\$32,239*	\$199,725
Expense:	\$14,357	\$219,349

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