

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2014

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor

Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

“Veni Emmanuel”

L. Cornwall, Piano

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Prepare the Way”

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Isaiah 9)

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!
The heavens proclaim his righteousness; the peoples behold his glory.
Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #140**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

***SALUTATION**

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Congregation: Almighty God, you have given us hope through the life and death of Jesus Christ. Your promised eternal peace can be experienced even now. Today we rejoice, because in the baby in Bethlehem we will find our Savior. Fill this day and our lives with the joy only you can give. Amen.

EMMANUEL – GOD WITH US

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS

*“I’ve got peace like a river [3x] in my soul.
I’ve got joy like a fountain [3x] in my soul...
I’ve got hope everlasting [3x] in my soul”*

*“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.
I’ve got the love of Jesus.....down in my heart.....”*

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeter: Barbara Araromi

Ushers: Nancy Dey & John Ferris

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship:

NEXT WEEK'S STEWARDS (December 21):

Greeter:

Ushers: Jane & Jeff DeWitt

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship:

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Thanks to Bill Thompson for being the worship assistant this week. If you are interested in participating in worship this way, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

MISSION SUNDAY

During December we adopt a family as our mission of the month. This year we are partnering with Dorcas and our family includes three small boys and a single mom.

CONSISTORY

The congregation has elected Jeff DeWitt to serve as Elder and Mike Shafer to serve as a Deacon on the Consistory. The installation service will be January 4. Joe White will serve a second term as a deacon. If there are any biblical or ecclesiastical reasons why any of them may not serve, please contact Pastor Chuck or one of the present Consistory members.

DECEMBER 28

On the Sunday after Christmas we will be having a potluck breakfast and informal worship in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a time of fellowship as we eat together around the tables, a time of Carol singing, and a Christmas Story. Please join us at 10:00 for breakfast and carol singing will begin by 11:00 at the latest.

SOUP, SANDWICH AND SCRIPTURE

We are having our traditional (we have done it more than twice, so it must be traditional) Soup, Sandwich and Scripture study during Advent. We meet at noon on Wednesdays (beginning Dec. 3). Pastor Chuck provides the soup. You provide a sandwich if you want one. Together we study some passages to prepare us for Christmas.

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