

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:00 A.M. COMBINED SERVICE

Rev. Mark Piedmonte, Pastor

Music Director – Gregory Fraser with Guest Musician Steve Frene

** Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Liszt Weihnachtsbaum

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER MISSION MOMENT: Angel & Heart Tree

INTROIT: “Just a Closer Walk With Thee” (insert)

SHEEP PEN – VIDEO – MESSAGE “I Know Him!”

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES – (Readers: Children of the Church)

Leader: Joy is the celebration given by God through the light of the world.

All: Joy is the celebration given by God at the birth of the Christ Child.

Leader: Joy is the celebration when the angels sang “Glory to God in the highest.”

All: Joy is being called together as a church to worship and serve Jesus Christ!

(2 purple and the pink candles are lit.)

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: By the light of Advent, let us pray:

All: Merciful God, you come into our midst longing for communion with us, becoming one of us. Break our resistance to life with you, show us the path toward just relations, and bring us into your unimaginable joy; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (PH #8)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us turn to the One who is both judge and savior, trusting that repentance opens the door to new life, and that peace beyond all measure has been promised to us. Let us confess our sins.

All: In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into joyful praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In the name of the one God who is always near us, know you are forgiven.

Do not worry. Live in peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE: 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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us take a moment to share a sign of Christ’s peace.

SONG OF PRAISE: “Blessed Be Your Name” (insert)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us together ask for the Spirit’s guidance in hearing the Scriptures read and proclaimed:

All: Holy Word, you are our guide and ultimate assurance. By your Holy Spirit, open us to your promises and commands and shower us again with the fire of your love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Philippians 3: 10-16; 4:1; 4-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE: Advent Sermon Series: Songs of the Season

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Week 3: *Repeat the Sounding Joy!*

*HYMN: “Joy to the World!” (PH #40)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed (Please remain standing)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Please be seated)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERTORY / DEDICATION: “Welcome Table” (insert)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (insert)

*CLOSING HYMN: “Joy, Joyful We Adore Thee” (PH #464)

*BENEDICTION / *RESPONSE (with the kids):

Advent Song Verses 1-3

(See Handout)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, December 12, 2021

3rd Sunday of Advent

10:00am	COMBINED Worship Service – Sanctuary; Greeter – Debi Cook, Deacon
11:00am	Annual Congregational Meeting

THIS WEEK: December 13-18, 2021

Monday, Dec 13	Share & Care 6:30pm
Tuesday, Dec 14	Men's Breakfast 8:30am @Rayne's Reef; High School Youth 6pm;
Wednesday, Dec 15	Pastor Hrs. 10am-3pm
Thursday Dec 16	Bible Study 6pm; Choir 7:30pm
Friday, Dec 17	Pastor hrs. 10am – Noon
Saturday, Dec 18	Festive Holiday Dinner – pick-up or deliver 4-5pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, Dec 15	Christmas Flower Orders Due
Saturday Dec 18	Festive Holiday Dinner – pick-up or deliver 4-5pm
Sunday, Dec 19	Christmas Joy Offering
Friday, Dec 24	Christmas Eve – Messy Church 3pm; Service of Lessons & Carols 7pm
Sunday, Dec 26	Rev. Kerry Shull in the pulpit for 11am service* *NOTE: no 9am Service on 12/26

- **FESTIVE HOLIDAY DINNER Saturday, December 18th:** We will be serving baked ham, macaroni & cheese, green beans, baked pineapple, roll & dessert. Dinners can be picked up at the church from 4-5pm or delivered to you. Please share this information with anyone who may benefit from a warm, free meal. This is an opportunity for our church to provide for those in the community who may need to know that someone is thinking of them during the holiday season. To order, use the sign-up sheets at church or call or text Cindi Pruitt (443-880-5502). Indicate how many dinners you would like and whether you would like delivery or pick-up.
- **STEWARDSHIP:** Sunday, December 12, 2021 – **Weekly Giving** \$2382; **Weekly Attendance:** 54
- **HOW THE GRINCH FOUND THE CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS – a Christmas children's play, Sunday December 19th 10:15am** Come early or stay late for service and enjoy a play put on by our youth! Let's all our hearts grow three sizes to prepare room for Jesus!
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(Chorus)

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Grant it Jesus is my plea (just a closer walk...x2)
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, Dear Lord, Let it be

Through this world of toils and snares
If I falter Lord, who cares
Who with me my burden shares
None by Thee, Dear Lord, none but Thee

(Chorus)

When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom's shore, to Thy shore

(Chorus)

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where the streams of abundance flow,
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And blessèd be your name
when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness,
blessèd be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise,
and when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:

*Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
blessèd be your name.*

*Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
blessèd be your glorious name.*

Blessèd be your name
when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's all as it should be,
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And blessèd be your name
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I'm gonna feast on milk and honey
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(One of these days)

I'm gonna tell God how you treat me
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