

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
TRADITIONAL SERVICE - 11:00 A.M

Rev. Mark Piedmonte  
Music Director – Gregory Fraser

*\* Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS – Weihnachtsbaum part 4

INTROIT – *Soon and Very Soon - Choir*

SHEEP PEN: Light the Advent Candle 3

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - RESPONSIVE READING

**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: Let us dance and sing and shout for joy. Christ is coming again.**

(Two Purple Candles and One Pink Candle are now lit)

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your life-giving joy.**

**In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

ADVENT SONG: “*Light the Advent Candle*” verse 3

***Light the advent candle 3, Think of heavenly harmony***

***Angels singing “peace on earth”, at the blessed Savior’s birth***

***Chorus: Candle, candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night***

***Candle, candle buring bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light***

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from psalm 145: 5-10)

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

**All: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.**

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

**All: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

**The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

Leader: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Holy God, your prophets have long spoken of the one who would come to save us. Now the promise is fulfilled; now your kingdom has come near. Send us as messengers of your way, to go and tell all the world of the wonders we have seen and the good news we have heard; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: *Tell Out My Soul (insert)*



CALL TO CONFESSION:

Leader: Let the desert rejoice, and let the dry land be glad, for God has come to save us. Let us confess our sin.

**All: God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: May your hearts be filled with the peace of Christ! **All: And also with you!**

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE: *I'll Praise My Maker (PH #253)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Leader: Together let us pray for guidance and understanding of God’s Word:

**All: Lord God, in this dry and dusty place, pour out the power of your Spirit so that your Word may blossom in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our way in the wilderness. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

**Isaiah 35**

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD’S WORD

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE: Advent Sermon Series: *A Geography of Salvation*

Week two: *A Desert-ed Highway*

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

HYMN: *Lift Up Your Heads (PH #8)*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 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)

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE : (See insert for Responsive Prayer)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY / DEDICATION

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

\*BENEDICTION / \*RESPONSE:

POSTLUDE: Weihnachtsbaum part 5

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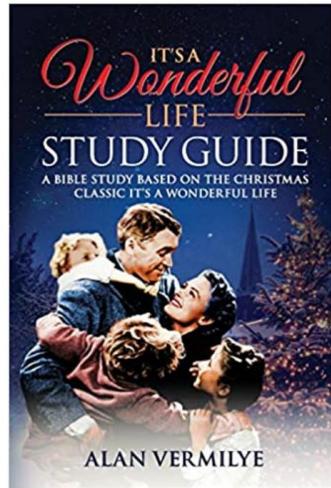
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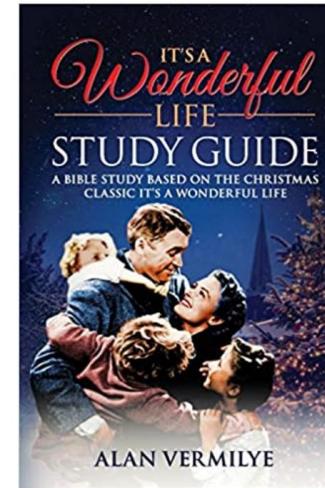
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**All: according to the promise of your steadfast love.**

Leader: Let all generations see your blessing,

**All: for your name is holy and your mercy is great.**

Leader: Show the strength of your hand,

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### Memory of:

Gary Baer

### Honor of:

My Wonderful Grandchildren

## John Falcone

### Memory of:

Phebe Mary Falcone

### Honor of:

Mary Victory Tillery

## Steve & Debbie Frene

### Memory of:

Bill & Carole Smith

Roger Smith

## Richard & Cheryl Holland

### Memory of:

Roland & Etta Powell

Edward & Nadine Holland

## Michael & Cathy Leyden

### Memory of:

George Leyden

Olin Scott

Matt Trask

## Jim & Sue Mallory

### Honor of:

Children, Grandchildren

& Great-Grandchildren

## Fred & Carol Neal

### Memory of:

Our loved ones

### Honor of:

Our Children & Grandchildren

## Larry & Tammy Nickell

### Memory of:

Jacob & Hilma Shank

Ed Nickell

### Honor of:

Socorre Nickell

## Doug Parks

### Memory of:

Suzanne Parks

## George Phillips

### Memory of:

S. Glenn Phillips

George Phillips III

Mark Hammond

Brett Hammond

## Mark & Aimee Piedmonte

### Memory of:

Jeanne Piedmonte

Rose Silvoy

Anne Wislosky

Saramarie Kelchner

## Carol Rose

### Memory of:

Hershel L. Rose

Dalmas & Gladys Parker

Mamie Parker

Furney & Nancy Rose

Morris & Evelyn Hall

Nevada Hastings

Mildred Ann Villani

### Honor of:

All our Sunday School Children

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David Rouch

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William & Ryan

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### Memory of:

Bob & Bertha Jackson



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### Memory of:

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### Memory of:

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Roger Smith

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## Cathey M Leyden

### Memory of:

George Leyden

Olin Scott

Matt Trask

## Jim & Sue Mallory

### Honor of:

Children, Grandchildren

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## Fred & Carol Neal

### Memory of:

Our loved ones

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