

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, 2021

9:30 a.m.

*“I bring you good news of great joy that will
be for all the people.” ~ Luke 2:10*

WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

PIANO PRELUDE Toni DiCapua, Mollie Wakeman
Angel Songs
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 23
Angels We Have Heard on High
(Please silently meditate on the words of the hymn, as it is sung on our behalf.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Please pray silently, as the worship leader prays on our behalf):
**Loving God, we confess that we are often filled with fear
and anxiety. We know that You promise to bring “good
news of great joy” but often we don’t feel very joyful.
Forgive us, we pray, and help us to anticipate the joy
which only our Lord Jesus Christ can bring. Hear us
now as we silently confess our sins.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

* Those who wish may stand.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Cheryl Perenon, Jeanette Rauscher, Sue Robertson

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Jesus, the Light of the World... arr. Larry Shackley
Richard Dinwiddie, director, Mollie Wakeman, accompanist
(CCLI #20405356)

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Zephaniah 3:14-17

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. Anne Swanson

“Essential Good News”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SOLO

Richard Jackson

Still, Still, Still

Mollie Wakeman, accompanist (CCLI #20405356)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the World

No. 40

(Please silently meditate on the words of the hymn, as it is sung on our behalf.)

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace ... Don Besig

(Please listen as the Benediction Response is sung on our behalf.)

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World