

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2022

9:30 a.m.

"Joy shall fill our hearts."

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE Toni DiCapua

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Lou Pennebaker

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 15

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, You have taught us to be patient, and promised to supply our needs. Yet we grow weary of waiting and restless with our wants. We become discouraged and lose the joy of focusing on Your love and Your presence. Help us to remember Your promises and to celebrate Your presence among us. Forgive us when we fail. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* GLORIA PATRI No. 579

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Those who wish may stand.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Watts Family

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

EPISTLE READING Melissa Seaton
Philippians 4:4-7 pg. 1830

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
From the Arms of Heaven's Angels... John Carter
Richard Dinwiddie, director, Mollie Wakeman, accompanist
(CCLI #20405356)

GOSPEL READING pg. 1591
Luke 2:8-12

MINISTRY OF THE WORD Rev. George Swanson
"A Word of Joy"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 28
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* CLOSING HYMN No. 40
Joy to the World!

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Inside Hymnal Cover
Go Now in Peace ... Don Besig

ORGAN POSTLUDE
Joy to the World... Wilbur Held

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