

3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ **Piano Prelude** · Toni DiCapua
Christmas Triptych I. Hope... Joel Raney

Advent Candle Lighting

Marj & Rich Toney and Family
Rose, Andrew and Lucas Perlik, Riley Toney-Fernandez and Zack Toney

* ♪ **Hymn of Praise** · O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?
No. 11

Prayer of Confession (in unison) · Lou Pennebaker
God of today and tomorrow, when Mary was pregnant and afraid, she ran to her cousin Elizabeth's house. Elizabeth threw open the door with joy and showered blessings upon her. How often do we have that same opportunity? How often do we leave the door locked, the curtains drawn, and the lights off? How often do we shower critique or judgment instead of blessings and joy? Gracious God, forgive us for our wrongs. We want to see you when we see our neighbor. Amen.

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

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*Those who wish may stand

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading · Melissa Seaton
Luke 1:39-45; 56-58 (pg. 1588)

♪ **Anthem** · Chancel Choir

Tell Us 'Bout a Baby... Joel Raney

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist
(CCLI #20405356)

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:46-55 (pg. 1589)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Rico "We See God in Each Other"

Part 3, From Generation to Generation

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* ♪ **Hymn of Response** · Star Child
See pg. 5 in bulletin

Acknowledgment and Blessing of Offerings

♪ **Anthem** · Chancel Bells

Christmas Triptych... arr. James D. Kimball and Patricia Cota

Richard Dinwiddie, director

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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* 🎵 **Closing Hymn** · Once in Royal David's City
No. 49

* **Benediction**

* 🎵 **Congregational Response** · Go Now in Peace
Chancel Bells, descant

🎵 **Postlude** · Toni DiCapua

