

# 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

### ♪ Piano Prelude · Mollie Wakeman

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing ...* arr. Nathan Schaumann

### Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

One: The power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we close our eyes,

**All: we can see a better world.**

One: When we close our eyes,

**All: we can dream a better dream.**

One: But when we open our eyes,

**All: we begin the work of faith.**

One: The power of worship is the same. When we enter this space,

**All: we can see a better world.**

One: When we enter this space,

**All: we dream a better dream.**

One: But when we leave this space,

**All: we begin the work of faith.**

One: So come in. Dream your dream.

**All: Find hope, peace, and joy here.**

One: For when we leave,

**All: we will begin the work of faith.**

One: Let it be so.

### Candle Lighting | The Candle of Hope · Tina Maier

\* ♪ Hymn of Praise · Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

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### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Great Writer, with a sky full of stars and a world full of flowers, there should be no end to our joy. And yet, instead of decorating ourselves with joy, we let it slip away like loose change. Instead of singing like Mary, or dancing like David, we pass by remarkable beauty and love most days, unfazed. Forgive us. Teach us the ways of children, who laugh and dance and sing as if joy is the very thing that keeps them alive. Maybe they have joy figured out. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

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

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*  **Gloria Patri**

No. 579

\* **Candle Lighting | The Candle of Peace** · Nancy McGihon

\* **Passing of The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### Greetings and Announcements

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading · Melissa Seaton

Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11 (pg. 1157)

### Candle Lighting | The Candle of Joy

 · Sharon Dinwiddie

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## ♪ **Anthem** · Chancel Choir

*Rise Up, Shepherds* ... Traditional Spiritual, arr. Tom Fettke and Thomas Grassi

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Richard Jackson, soloist; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

(CCLI #20405356)

## **Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:46-55 (pg. 1589)

## **Ministry of the Word** · The Rev. Renée Rico

### **“Those Who Dream...Sow Joy”**

Third in the Series “Those Who Dream”

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

- \* ♪ **Hymn of Response** · Good Christian Friends, Rejoice  
No. 28

## **Ordination and Installation of New Officers**

Elders: Bill Gile, Linda Morine, Shari Plunkett and Don Pollard

Deacons: Maria Carter, Gigi MacLeod, Lynn Roman,  
Sheila Warbasse, Suzanne Yee

## **Acknowledgement and Blessing of Offerings**

## **Prayer of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

- \* ♪ **Closing Hymn** · Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
No. 31

- \* **Benediction**

- \* ♪ **Congregational Response** · Go Now in Peace  
(Can be found inside the front cover of the hymnal)

## ♪ **Piano Postlude** · Mollie Wakeman

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice* ... arr. Pamela M. Robertson