

December 12, 2021



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We Are Baptized with the Holy Spirit and Fire

Luke 3:7-8

Gathered at Federated Church: 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

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Third Sunday of Advent

10 AM

Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.

Prelude *Prepare the Royal Highway* (W. Held) Marcia Snavelly, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Introit *Gaudete (O, Rejoice)* (Cindy Arr. Sheldon Curry) Federated Choir
Marcia Snavelly, piano; John Nichols, tambourine; Rebecca Konow, cello

* **Call to Worship** (*responsive*) Emma Thatcher

One: Weeping may linger for the night,

All: but joy comes in the morning.

One: Anger may rule a moment,

All: but the Prince of Peace prevails.

One: Loneliness may suffocate,

All: but the Spirit of hope is alive in us.

One: This is the season to receive again the gifts we have so graciously been given.

All: Joy! Peace! Hope! Amen!

* **Passing of Christ's Peace**

* **Hymn** *Life Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates* No. 129

Opening Prayer (*unison*) Rev. Throckmorton

Lord, we have come to this place from a world of pressures and schedules.

We have sought hope and peace and have found them here.

Now we seek the inner joy that only your presence can bring to our lives.

**Open our minds, hearts, and spirits to the fire of your love,
the love we carry with us always.**

May it give us cause to rejoice.

For you are worthy of praise.

Amen.

* Those who are able stand

**** Worshipers may be seated

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle: Joy

Joyce and Larry Moore

* **Hymn**

One Candle Is Lit v.3

No. 128

Presentation of Christmas Eve Offering Recipient

Kathy Kolcaba and
Kate Lodge, Executive Director, A Place 4 Me

Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Throckmorton

A Musical Advent

Federated Children’s Choir, directed by Pat Haynish

Song

Light a Candle (Joesph M. Martin)

Emma Thatcher, soloist

First Reading

(adapted by Pat Haynish)

Rosie Horvath

Song

Night of a Million Angels (Ruth Elaine Schram and Dennis Scott)

Second Reading

Luke 2:8-15

Lucas Guddy and Emma Thatcher

Song

Shepherds, I Can See You (Lois Myers Emig)

Third Reading

“People, Look East” (Eleanor Farjeon)

Willow Rickert

(K-6th-graders dismissed to Sunday School in Room 220)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Throckmorton

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 3:7-18

Rev. Throckmorton

* **Hymn**

Come, O Long-expected Jesus

No. 125

Sermon

Rev. Throckmorton



This Sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Loop system** that works with all **Telecoil-equipped hearing aids** to amplify sound with excellent clarity.

* **Hymn**

When God Is a Child

No. 132

* **Benediction**

Rev. Throckmorton

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue on a French Carol, "Il est ne, le divin Enfant"* (D. Lasky)

Marcia Snavely, organ

~ ***Departing to Service*** ~

All worship leaders and musicians have been vaccinated.

Children's Choir Singers

Directed by Pay Haynish

Tyler Bittinger, Lucas Guddy, Henry and Rosie Horvath,
Elena, Joey, Joshua, and Nicholas Lanza,
Charlotte McMullen, Kian and Willow Rickert,
Emma, Mackenzie, and Savannah Thatcher

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches on
God's Mercy Is for Those who Revere God

Luke 1:39-55

Music by the Federated Choir and the Bell Choir