

Joy





December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

10 AM

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

Prelude *Creator of the Stars of Night* (W. Held) Marcia Snavely, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Introit *An Advent Celebration* (Bill Ingram) Federated Bell Choir

* **Call to Worship** (*responsive*) Zoe LeFeber

One: This is the day God has made!

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

One: In the midst of the barren land,

All: flowers burst into bloom.

One: In the midst of the dry desert,

All: streams of water gush forth.

One: In the midst of sorrow and sighing,

All: joy and goodness dance together.

One: This is the day God has made!

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

* **Passing of Christ's Peace**

* **Hymn** *Come, O Long-expected Jesus* No. 125

Opening Prayer (*unison*) Zoe LeFeber

Life-giving God, we are a blessed people.

In this moment of worship we pray that you might bless us anew.

Give us ears to hear the melodies of praise that fill the world around us.

And as we hear the songs, teach us to sing,

to dance with abandon,

to rejoice in the wonders of your grace.

Forgive us when we have passed by signs of your mercy.

* Those who are able stand

**** Worshipers may be seated

**From this moment forward,
open our eyes to the places where joy is springing up from parched ground.
Lead us by your Spirit in the pathways of your overflowing hope, peace and
joy. Amen .**

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle: Joy

Karen, Bill, Lena, Rebecca,
and Paul Wright
No. 128

Hymn

One Candle Is Lit (verse 3)

Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Betsy Wooster

Children's Choir Pageant

The Bells of Glocken

Federated Children's Choir

(Written and arranged by Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman)

Ding, Dong! Merrily on High

Hush My Child

Do You Hear What We Hear?

We Three Kings

Arrest These Foreign Gentlemen!

O Come, Let Us Adore Him/He Is Born

Finale

Rosie Horvath, soloist

(K-8th-graders dismissed to Sunday School in Room 220)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Wooster

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.



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

* Hymn	<i>When God is a Child</i>	No. 132
Scripture	Isaiah 35:1-10	Rev. Throckmorton
Meditation		Rev. Throckmorton
* Hymn	<i>Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates</i>	No. 129
* Benediction		Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton
Postlude	<i>Gigue on "In Dulci Jubilo" (D. Lasky)</i>	Marcia Snavelly, organ

~ Departing to Service ~

The Bells of Glocken

written and arranged by Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman

Federated Children's Choir, directed by Pat Haynish

Instrumentalists Marcia Snavelly, piano; Brian Moore, percussion

Cast

Narrators Macy Antil, Penny Joseph, Zoe LeFeber, Georgia LeFeber, Morgan Graves, Madison Graves, Rosie Horvath

King Lucas Guddy

Bell Ringers Madison Graves, Morgan Graves

Gatekeeper Willow Rickert

Wisemen

Gaspar Tyler Bittinger

Melchior Lizzie Wingfield

Balthazar Hannah Grube

Camels Kendall Cunningham, Michael Graves, Etta Joseph

Innkeeper Charlotte Grube

Joseph Kian Rickert

Mary Abby Godenschwager

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 18th, 10 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

"Love"

Matthew 1:18-25