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DECEMBER 15, 2024



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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 *An Advent Prelude for Flute and Organ (C. Callahan)* Zoe LeFeber, flute;
Marcia Snavelly, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Vicki McGaw

* **Call to Worship/ Advent Candle Lighting** Chelsey, Katie and Levi Kohn

One: A voice calls out in the wilderness.

All: It declares a home for all.

One: It speaks of justice and peace.

All: It sings of hope and joy.

One: Joy is the stretches and giggles of a newborn child.

All: Joy is the energy of a new season.

One: Joy is feeling found when you thought you were lost.

All: Joy is making it home when the journey is long.

One: So today we light the candle of joy, because the welcome God has for us is
nothing short of joyful.

**All: Friends, we are getting so close to home! Let us worship God with the joy of
this knowledge. Amen.**

* **Hymn** *Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn* No. 138

Message for the Young at Heart Pastor Vicki McGaw

* **Passing of Christ's Peace**

* **Hymn** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* No. 134

* Those who are able stand

Children’s Choir Musical *When Jesus Was Born* (J. M. Martin & J. Reeves, R. E. Schram, & D. Scott, Arr. P. Haynish)

Federated Children’s Choir; Pat Haynish, director; Marcia Snavelly, piano

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

Pastor McGaw

One: Expansive God, we know that the church is your house, and your house has room for everyone. Yet, too often, instead of setting the table for our neighbors, we block the door.

All: Instead of welcoming all, we judge others by our own standards. Instead of sharing our second coat, we hide it in the attic, holding on to fear instead of letting go with love.

One: Remind us that your home is a home for all, that truth requires hard work and uncomfortable justice.

All: Help us to be bold enough to see it and brave enough to live it. With hope we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Pastor McGaw

One: God sent prophets like John the Baptist to us because this work is not easy. Helping create a world where all might have a home, all might be loved, and all might know peace, is an audacious goal. Fortunately for us, when we mess up – when we lose our way or forget our call – we are met with grace. God could not love us any more or any less than God already does. So rest in this good news:

All: We are at home with God – forgiven, claimed, and loved. The door is always open for us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Pastor McGaw

Presentation of the Christmas Eve Offering Recipient:

Re:Source Cleveland
Todd Smith

Offertory

Canon de Noel (J. Martin)

Marcia Snavelly, piano

* **Doxology**

Tune: TRURO

**To God, all glorious heavenly light;
To Christ revealed in earthly night;
To God the Spirit now we raise;
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.**



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* Prayer of Dedication		Pastor McGaw
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer		Charlotte Grube
* Hymn	<i>People Look East</i>	No. 142
Scripture	Luke 3:1-8	Pastor McGaw and Charlotte Grube
Meditation		Pastor McGaw
* Hymn	<i>All Earth Is Waiting</i>	No. 139
* Benediction		Pastor McGaw
Postlude	<i>People Look East</i> (W. Wold)	Marcia Snavelly, organ
~ Departing to Service~		

“When Jesus Was Born”

Federated Children’s Choir, directed by Pat Haynish
Instrumentalist Marcia Snavelly, piano

Shepherds:

Naomi Bright
Charlotte Grube
Laney Lanza
Lizzie Wingfield

Angels:

Ella Antil
Leona Bright
Elinor Cochran
Abby Godenschwager
Molly Godenschwager
Etta Joseph
Jade Rutkowski
Rowynn Waddell

Wise Men:

Hannah Grube
Michael Graves
Penny Joseph

Innkeeper: Gia Caccamo

Mary: Macy Antil

Joseph: Tyler Bittinger

Camels:

Michael Graves
Zoe Strong
Vivian Self

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 22nd, 10 AM
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Pastor Vicki McGaw preaches