

MORNING WORSHIP

Pastor: *Rev. John S. Carpenter*

Choir Director: *Jane Gilman*

Worship Leader: *Flip Anderson*

Accompanist: *Linda Booth*

Ushers: *Hans & Shelbie Coon*

December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sing We Noel! (Men's Choir)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Younger Family

* **PRAISE IN MUSIC** No. 282 "O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful"

CALL TO WORSHIP *Isaiah 52:7-9*

One: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,

**All: Who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,**

One: Who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

**All: Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy.**

One: When the LORD returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.

**All: Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving Father, you know me better than I know myself. You know every thought I have, every step I take, every word I speak. You formed me in my mother's womb. You chose me before the foundation of the world to be in a loving relationship with you and others. Father, forgive me for trying to live apart from you. Forgive me for seeking joy outside of a life centered on you. Forgive me for focusing on my own fleshly desires rather than a deep abiding relationship with you. Father, thank you for your steadfast love, for your forgiveness, for constantly calling me back with open arms, and flooding my soul with your joy.

TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* **HYMN** *See Insert* "Joy Has Dawned"

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Rise Up, Shepard*

* **HYMN OF DEDICATION** "Doxology" to tune: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Ages 0-3 may go to the nursery; ages 4-8 go to Children's Church)

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-11 Pew Bible p. 889

SERMON "Good News of Great Joy"

* **HYMN** No. 269 "How Great Our Joy"

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER – *found on inside front cover of hymnal*

* **BENEDICTION**

* **SUNG RESPONSE** No. 271 v. 1 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of light;

Angels lifting praise before You sing thro'-out this holy night.

In a manger lies a Baby – Child of Mary, Son of God.

Voices join in joyful chorus praise You for Your gift of love.

* **POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able may stand*

Welcome to all this Lord's Day! Visitors, please fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate. Child care is available throughout the service for children up to 3 years in the Nursery downstairs. Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after our worship service.

PRAYERS FOR *Butch Hammond, Chuck Bloom, Dean Kennedy, Jim & Pat Lamp, Phyllis Petersen, Karen Cornwell, Rex Fisher, Katrina Armatis, Jeffery Swenson, Tim Bailey and the families of Nolan Henderson, and Randy Ropp.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TONIGHT Sunday, December 16 at 6:30 pm followed by a fingerfood potluck. Please bring finger food to share. Invite your friends and family to this special night as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING We will meet at the church 3:30 pm Sunday Dec. 23. Let us know if you would like to host carolers in your home after their "tour."

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE Join us at the church at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 24 to reflect on the nativity and celebrate Christ's birth.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE MANSE The Carpenters invite you to join them immediately following the Christmas Eve service for refreshments and fellowship.

HELP THE BRUNSONS Andrew Brunson was in prison in Turkey for 2 years after serving as a Pastor there for 25 years. A fund has been established to help the Brunsons recover, regroup, and prepare for what God has for them next. So far only half of the funding goal has been received. You can donate to this by using:

- **Online** through: <https://epc.org/donate/welcomebackandrew/>
- **Text-to-give** on your smart device by texting "andrewbrunson" to 50155.
- **Check**—put "Andrew Brunson Fund (520)" on the memo line, and send to:

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* **COFFEE HOUR** this morning is provided by **Joni Neel**.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADER this morning is **Katy Harmon**.

CHILDREN'S NURSERY ATTENDANT this morning is **Jon Anderson**.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS Becky Jenks 12/19, Amorita Wirth 12/19, Shelbie Coon 12/21, Joni Neel 12/21, Jesse Younger 12/21, John Gilman 12/29.

* *Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall for future Sundays.*



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