

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10 a.m.

December 15, 2024

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
by Johannes Brahms

INTROIT

Prepare the Way of the Lord
by Jacques Berthier & Taize

CUMC Adult Choir

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you

All: And also with you

*HYMN

Joy to the World

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice, for God is here!

All: God is our strength and our light.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: We will sing praises for all the earth to hear!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & MEDITATION: The Confirmands – Liam, James & Joseph

Reader One: No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, Isaiah reminds us that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God's coming kin-dom, we must not forget that God's salvation has come and is coming. "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). With joy you will remember that God's salvation is already present among us.

Congregation: Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God's love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.

Reader Two: We light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together.

The first, second, & third candles of the Advent wreath are lit.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

"Children's Message"

Rev. Sue H. Yun

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SCRIPTURE READING FROM THE GOSPEL Luke 3:7-18

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

A LETTER FROM JOHN THE BAPTIST

Paul Hesleitner

SERMON

"Standing and Pointing as You Shine Your Light"

Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

God has given us so much. May we, in turn, bear good fruit for God's world. In praise and thanksgiving, let us open our hearts and offer our gifts to God.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Waiting
by Jay Althouse

CUMC Adult Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Abundant God, we give you thanks for these gifts. May you bless them and use them to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bring comfort to those in need. And may we offer our very selves as we proclaim your good news of love and grace for all people. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A MOMENT OF HEALING BLESSINGS

See Insert

*HYMN

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, God is truly with us. Go forth, rejoicing that Christ shows us the way. Go in peace. Go in hope. **Amen.**

FAREWELL

Go Now in Peace (2x)

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POSTLUDE

A Joyous Noel
by David Paxton

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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