

December 13, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

3rd Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Color: Purple

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Callahan

*Call to Worship

Jim Kelly, Member Care Chairperson

Leader: Rejoice, give thanks; call upon God's name; the Holy One is in our midst.

People: **How good it is to come home to God's house! How good it is to gather in Christ's presence!**

Leader: Sing aloud! Exult with all your heart; the Sovereign One has done glorious things.

People: **We offer up our anxieties, seeking God's peace. We face our plenty, eager to share.**

Leader: Shout our praise! Express your joy! The God of our salvation welcomes us.

People: **God's love is renewing us in these moments; God's strength is becoming our song!**

*Hymn No. 178

Hope of the World

Vicar

Anthem

The Camel Song

Pam Ernest

Musik Makers

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

God of our baptism, renew in us today the gifts of your Holy Spirit and fire. We have come together, eager for good news. We are here for instructions, ready to do the work you call us to do in the world. Equip us in the time of worship to draw deeply from the waters of salvation. Fill us with your love that we may pass it on. Recall us to truth and excellence and justice in all we say and do. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Rogers Family

All: **O God, come, travel with us through Advent.**

Give us the courage to spread joy in the world. Amen

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Page 1073 (OT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

English Advent Carol

arr. Patrick Liebergen

Chancel Choir with Rhonda McGinnis, flute

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Meditation on "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Callahan

*Doxology No. 238 (refrain only)

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Gloria

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.
All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn No. 179

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Kingsfold

†*Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:7-18

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Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Sermon

"Simple Gifts"

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Hymn No. 224

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

*Benediction

*Benediction Response 251 (refrain only)

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

*Postlude

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided