

December 12, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Third 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.

*Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Trinity

Marisa Rogers

Prelude

Lift Up Your Heads

Alexandre Guilmant

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come away from haste and frantic busyness. This is the season for quiet waiting.

People: **It is hard to still our souls when we are so busy. It is hard to be patient with ourselves or others.**

Leader: Receive God's mercy and strengthen your hearts. A Savior is coming; God's love is near.

People **We want to hear and believe God's promises. We want to become patient, loving seekers.**

Leader: God presents us with a high and holy way. Come before God now with praise and singing.

People: **We sense the joy God offers to us. Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.**

*Hymn No. 218

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Carol

*Invocation

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Mighty One, we rejoice that you strengthen our weak hand and make firm our feeble knees. You open our eyes and unstop our ears. You meet our hungers with good things. You disturb our false pride while helping us discover our true strength. You topple us from our pretensions while lifting up the lowly to claim the inner power you alone can provide. We have assembled to worship you. Awaken the gladness that comes when we recognize your presence. We long to know you in this hour. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Caydon Ann Swofford

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Jon, Lori, Lucas, and Ella Bassett

All: O God, come, travel with us through Advent. Give us courage to spread joy in the world. Amen.

Advent Candle Hymn

A Candle is Burning

See Insert

Anthem

Christmas Lullaby
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Offering

Offertory

In the Bleak Midwinter

Malcolm Archer

*Doxology 238 (refrain only)

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message

Margaret Crooks

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.

*Hymn No. 217

Away in a Manger

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†*Gospel Reading

Luke 1:47-55

Page 69 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Mary's Song"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

*Hymn No. 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

*Benediction

May the One born in Bethlehem – who joined divinity and humanity, love of God and labor for people – unite heaven and earth, in us as in Him. Amen.

*Benediction Response No. 204

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel***

*Postlude

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided