

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, December 11, 2016

Worship 11:00am

Third Sunday of Advent

+ All who are able may stand

*Regular type, one speaks; **bold type, everyone speaks.***

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

+Call to Worship

L: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

P: I will praise the Lord as long as I live, I will sing praises to God all my life long.

ALL: (sung) O Come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

+Prayer of the Day

God, our light and salvation, you bring hope and peace to the lowly and oppressed. Let us see the world through your eyes that we may love the widow and orphan, that we may work for justice, that our lives may bear witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Prayer of Confession

John the Baptist calls us to repent, not only because we regret our actions but also because the kingdom of God is near, and we must prepare. What do you need to repent of this week? Please share with someone near you; then pray with each other for the forgiveness of Christ.

Response: Advent Candle Lighting

P: This morning we light the candle of joy. Even amongst all of the troubles and sorrows we humans are faced with, there is still joy to be found in the world: in the face of a child, in the wonder of God's beautiful creation, in the music of the season. We also find joy when the poor and oppressed receive justice. May hope, peace and joy follow you through the season of Advent and into the New Year.

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

Anthem

The World's Been a Waitin' So Long

Martin

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

O Mighty One, who scatters the proud and fills the hungry, by your holy spirit let your word leap in us and bring to our yearning the joy that comes with new beginnings and renewed lives. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon

Looking for the Messiah?

Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding With Thanks and Praise

Communion Hymn

Together We Serve

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The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication

Musical Offering

+Response of Praise *Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain only)* #23
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Celebration of Holy Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy holy holy is the Lord of hosts (2x)

The whole world is full of his glory (3x)

Holy is the Lord!

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Breaking of the Bread, Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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+The Charge

+The Benediction

+ The Postlude