

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

December 14, 2014      10:15 A.M.

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**PREPARATION AND PRAISE**

*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices  
for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.*

Prelude: "Advent Medley" arr. Davis

Welcome and Announcements

**ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING**

Silent Prayer and Preparation

- \* Call to Worship: Isaiah 40  
A voice of one calling; "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight  
in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every  
mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged  
places a plain.  
**"And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will  
see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."**

- \* Hymn: PH 329      "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" STUTT GART

- \* God's Greeting:  
Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the  
Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**Who made heaven and earth.**  
This is the Advent of our King!  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

- \* Prayer of the Day:  
**Almighty and Everlasting Father, who orders all things in heaven and on  
earth, we give you thanks that you prepared your people through all ages  
for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. Prepare us for the coming of him  
whom you sent, and grant that we may receive him in holiness of life,  
through the same Christ Jesus our Lord we pray. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Mary's Candle

- \* Response: PH 328, stanza 6      "O Come, O Come Immanuel" VENI IMMANUEL  
O come, O Bright and Morning Star, and bring us comfort from afar!  
Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

**CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty Father, we confess that we have often failed to respond to your purpose for our lives that you have revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. We have not faced our own sin and brokenness, and have fled from your grace and resisted your mercy. We acknowledge that our sinful ways go much deeper than the irreverent behavior of our lives. We have sought to hide from the light of your Word that searches the thoughts and intentions of our hearts. Forgive us for our self-deception, our stubborn hearts and our avoidance of your truth. In your mercy, keep us from a false confession and an empty repentance. Give us strength to confess our sins and turn from the idols of our hearts. By your grace, may we bring forth fruit unto eternal life, for the glory of your name.**

Silent Prayer and Confession      Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Isaiah 55

Response: "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

EMMANUEL

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

Congregational Prayer

### **THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

\* Hymn: Bulletin p. 3      "God Reigns! Earth Rejoices"      NÔEL NOUVELET  
(Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.)

Reading from the Gospel:

Luke 1:26-33

Sermon: *The Names of Jesus at Christmas – Son of David, Part II*

Prayer

\* Hymn: PH 333      "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"      GREENLAND

### **THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE**

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Back to Bethlehem"

arr. Ham

### **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

\* Blessing:

Now may he, who by his Incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and good will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

\* Doxology: PH 354, stanza 5      "Angels from the Realms of Glory"      REGENT SQUARE

Saints and angels join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore their voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Postlude