

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2019 | 10:15 A.M.

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.

** indicates congregation stands. | **Bold print indicates unison reading.***

Prelude: "Carol of the Bells"

arr. Carl Fischer

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

arr. James Bastien

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

arr. Lenny Seidel

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* God's Greeting:

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**and be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Grace and peace be to you in the name
of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Praise be to God!

**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
who has visited and redeemed his people.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

* Hymn: "Here I Am to Worship"

Lighting of the Advent Candle

based on Psalm 27:1,13,14

Prayer of the Day: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

PH 328:3

**O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

God's Will for Our Lives

Exodus 20:1–17

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Response: "Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child"

Assurance of Pardon:

II Corinthians 1:19–22

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

- * Hymn: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Prayer for Illumination

[Children age 3 – grade K may leave for Children's Church after the prayer.]

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 1:18–25 (p. 955)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *The Story of Christmas: Courage*

Prayer

- * Hymn: "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

PH 354:1,2,3,5

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

- * Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

arr. Randall Hartwell

- * Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

(Inside front cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

- * Benediction:

1 Peter 5:10–11

- * Doxology: "The First Noel"

Then let us all with one accord

Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,

That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,

And with His blood mankind hath bought.

- * Postlude

Minister: Rev. Joel Vande Werken

Liturgists: Justin, Nathanael, and Michael Vos

Organ: Brandie Vande Werken

Piano: Brandie, Will, and Katie Vande Werken

Saxophone: Brandis Haagsma

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