

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2024 | 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION & PRAISE

Prelude: "Back to Bethlehem Medley"
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

arr. Marilyn Ham
arr. Chip Davis

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Prayer of the Day:

Too often, we think joy is something big, O God. A brass band or a parade can certainly bring us joy. Just as easily and far more often, we can feel joy in a hug or the squeeze of a hand, we can see joy in a smile or hear it in laughter. Help us to not overlook the simple joys that peak into our lives daily. This week in our Advent journey, open our eyes to the joy that surrounds us. Amen.

* Hymns: "Emmanuel"

"Joy to the World"

PH 337:1,2,4

* God's Greeting

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

based on I John 2:1-2

Prayer of Confession

God's Will for Our Lives:

based on Matthew 22:37-40

Choir: "Gaelic Alleluia"

arr. Craig Courtney

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "What Child Is This"

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Joy in a World of Gloom*

Isaiah 8:16-9:7 (p. 683)

* Hymn: "Hark A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

PH 332

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Offertory Prayer

for the General Fund & Children's Haven

* Confession of Faith:

Nicene Creed

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

* Benediction

* Doxology: "As with Gladness Men of Old"

PH 358

Postlude

**Indicates congregation stands, as able*

Minister: Pastor Dan Vos

Candle Lighters: Kevin & Karen Conway, Jolene Duffy

Liturgists: Kelly Penning, Shelley Buma

Piano: Terry Ebbling | Guitar: Greg Ebbling

Brass: Dan Vos, Michael Vos, Nathanael Vos

Choir Director: Laurie Vander Baan