Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude **"One Candle is Lit"** **# 128**

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Readers **Roy & Maurine McLellan** **8:30am**
Frank Morgan **10:30am**

Hymn: **"Prepare the Way of Lord"** **# 121**

Prepare the way of the Lord, Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God. (Repeat)

***Hymn of Gathering** **"Come, O Long-expected Jesus"** **vs. 1, 2, 1** **# 125**

1. **Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free. From our fears and Sins release us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be. You, our strength and consolation, come salvation to impart; dear desire of many a nation, joy of many a longing heart.**
2. **Born your people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, born your gracious realm to bring. By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by your all sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.**
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Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship 8:30am-Jack Kline / 10:30am-Roy McLellan

"Song of Mary" (see insert) # 131

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

The Text ***Philippians 4:4-9*** (NRSV)

Message **"Prepare the Way: God with Us"** Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings 8:30am-Jack Kline / 10:30am-Roy McLellan

Doxology "**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**" **#46**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Responsive Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation 8:30am-Jack Kline / 10:30am-Roy McLellan

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn: **"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"** **# 134**

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn **"Joy to the World"** **# 143**

1. **Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**
2. **Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**
3. **He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

***Benediction** Rev. Schwartz

Postlude **"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"**

December 12, 2021

Third Sunday in Advent
Liturgical Color: Blue

Philippians s 4: 4-9 (NRSV)

[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5] Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6] Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8] Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

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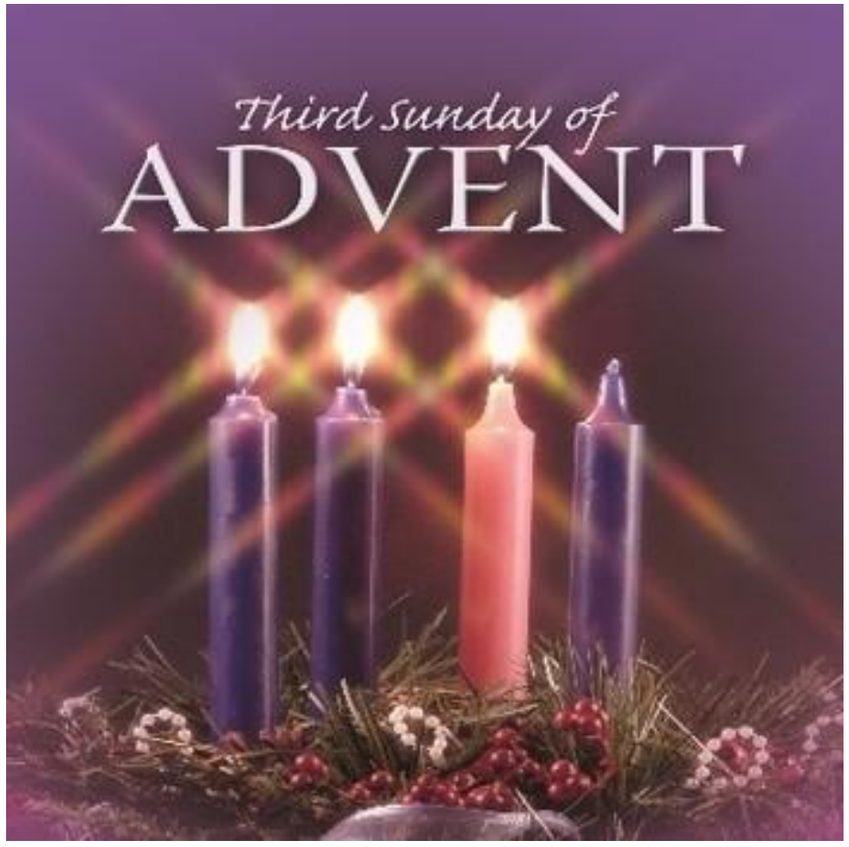
Sunday, December 12, 2021 ✞ 8:30 & 10:30a.m.

Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.



"Prepare the Way: God with Us"

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