

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

**Prelude:** "All Earth Is Waiting" # 139

Welcome and Announcements

**Advent Reader:** 8:30am – Jack & Nancy Kline  
10:30am - Georgia Johansen & Maurine McLellan

**Candle Song:** "Prepare the Way of the 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" # 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.

Repeat vs. 1

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

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

**Reading :** Song of Mary (see insert) # 131

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

Children's Message Justin & Abigail

Text James 5: 1-11 (NRSVA)

Message "Growing in Patience" 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/Pastoral Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation 8:30am. Rev.Schwartz/10:30am Roy McLellan

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

**Communion Music:** "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:** "My Soul Gives Glory to My God" # 130

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday in Advent  
Liturgical Color: Blue

James 5: 1-11 (NRSVA)

<sup>1</sup>Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you. <sup>2</sup>Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. <sup>4</sup>Listen! The wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup>You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts on a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned and murdered the righteous one, who does not resist you.

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

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Sunday, December 11, 2022 8:30am. ☩ 10:30a.m.

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