

Worship Leader Edition
Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

+GATHERING SONG

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

*Prichard, Wesley and
Henderson/Brad Henderson*

Verse 1

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find ourselves in thee:
Israel’s Strength and Consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart.

Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Verse 3

I will praise my great Redeemer,
Lord of Lords and King of Kings.
Let the worship rise within me.
“You are Lord” my heart will sing.
Lost, now found, sick, now healed,
Saved to show Your matchless grace.
Waiting with hope and great assurance
‘til I see Your glorious face.

Verse 2

Born, thy people to deliver:
Born a child, and yet a King;
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring:
By thine own eternal Spirit,

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center}* (Bette Gamboni)

L: Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center}* (Bette Gamboni)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Rob)

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *(Paul and Michelle Sundet)*

L: Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ, and we lit the candle of Peace, remembering God’s dream of a peaceful world. (Light Hope and Peace Candles). Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of Joy. In Advent, we are in a time of waiting. Like the Israelites who wandered through the Wilderness, waiting to come into the Promised Land, we wait for the coming of the Joy of Ages. We wait for the day where we can join our voices with the angels to sing “Joy to the World, the Lord is come!” We wait for the day when everlasting joy will be on each of us.

We light this candle in Joy. (Light Candle)

C: On this day, we remember the Spirit who breathes joy into our lives.

With Permission: Rev. Will Ryan, First Christian Church (DOC), Burlington, Iowa. Liturgy Links - 2016

CANDLE LIGHTING

“Christ, Be Our Light”

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Verse 3

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE {On Floor Pulpit Side} (Emily)

FIRST READING (Nikki Ness)

Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:29-56

But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+SONG OF THE DAY

"Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)"

*Tomlin, Cates and Ingram/
Grant Wall*

Verse 1

All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway
A path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner
Wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus

Like a bride
Waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You

Ev'ry heart longing for our King
We sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

Verse 2

There will be justice all will be new
 Your name forever faithful and true
 Jesus is coming soon

So we wait
 We wait for You
 God we wait
 You're coming soon

Chorus**Chorus****Bridge**

So we wait
 We wait for You
 God we wait
 You're coming soon

Tag

Even so come Lord Jesus come
 Even so come Lord Jesus come

+THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Bette Gamboni*)

Screen

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+THE PRAYERS (*Bette Gamboni*)

Screen

After each petition:

L: God of love,
 C: **We wait in hope.**

+THE LORD'S PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

Screen

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

SENDING

+BENEDICTION (*Pastor Rob*)

L: God most high, God with us, God poured out on us. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
 C: **Amen.**

+CLOSING SONG

“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

*Watts, Handel, Tomlin, et al./
 Galbraith*

Verse 1

Joy to the world
 The Lord is come
 Let earth receive her King

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
 And heaven and nature sing
 And heaven and nature sing
 And heaven and heaven
 And nature sing

Verse 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

Chorus

Joy unspeakable joy
An overflowing well
No tongue can tell

Joy unspeakable joy
It rises in my soul
Never lets me go

Verse 3

He rules the world
With truth and grace
And makes the nations prove

+DISMISSAL (*Bette Gamboni*)

L: Go in peace. Wait for the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

REPRISE

The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders
Wonders of His love

Chorus