



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 11, 2022
11:00 AM



CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

Timothy Boggess

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - THOUGHTFUL GIVING

Dave Householder

PRELUDE

Still, Still, Still

arr. Paul Manz

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Phil and Harriette Humphreys

As we light our third Advent candle,
we pray for hope, peace, and joy.
Come now, O Child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Joy.

* HYMN 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dick Wigton

**Abundant God,
it is easy to rejoice at the wilderness bursting into bloom
and the hungry being filled with good things.
However, it is not so easy to rejoice at the powerful being brought down
and the rich being sent away empty.**

**Because sometimes we are the powerful. Sometimes we are the rich.
Sometimes we are the ones with privilege.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we fear that your bringing good news to others
means bringing bad news to us. Help us to see that our holiness is tied to others' wholeness.**

(silent prayer)

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*** SONG OF JOY**

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ANTHEM

Cold December Flies Away Catalonian Carol /arr. Daniel Schreiner
(The Chancel Choir with James Jordan, Dancer/Choreographer)

Cold December flies away at the rose-red splendor.
April's crowning glory breaks while the whole world wonders
at the holy unseen power of the tree which bears the flower.
On the blessed tree blooms the reddest flower.
On the tree blooms the rose here in love's own garden,
full and strong in glory.

In the hopeless time of sin shadows deep had fallen.
All the world lay under death. Eyes were closed in sleeping.
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose golden light
brings unending joy, brings the endless joy
of our hope, highest hope, of our hopes bright dawning,
Son beloved of heaven.

Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world awakens.
In the lily's purest flower dwells a wondrous fragrance.
And it spreads to all the earth from the moment of its birth;
and its beauty lives. In the flower it lives,
in the flower, and it spreads in its heavenly brightness
sweet perfume delightful.

Full and strong in glory.
Son beloved of heaven.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-6

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SERMON

Tidings of Comfort and Joy

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Steven Phillips

**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.**

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

ELDERS (class of 2025)

Beth Byron-Reasoner
David Householder
Marvin Miller
Carrie Mills
Sue Nurczyk

DEACONS (class of 2025)

Susan Beach Carter
Beth Knopik (class of 2024, filling unexpired term)
Pamela Mathes
Marcia Schaper
Denver Stutler

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God, the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Scott McLeod

Do we, as members of the church, accept these officers, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

DECLARATION AND CHARGE

*** HYMN 106**

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.
O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Savior's rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing,
their adoration voicing.
O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.

*** BENEDICTION**

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POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *In Dulci Jubilo*

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