

Advent 3 Sunday

December 15, 2024

Piano prelude: Sunshower

Martha Hill Duncan

***Hymn: Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

No. 110

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

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
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We come to worship to open our hearts to praise God and give thanks
for all the good things in our lives.

We come to worship to open our hearts to joy despite the struggles and disappointments.

We come to worship ready to listen to God speaking into our hearts and filling our minds and souls with possibilities despite limitations.

We come because we have been called deep in our souls to be here, even when our hearts are down.

ALL: Visit us in this time of worship, O God. Speak to us as we listen, as we sing, as we pray, as we think, as our minds wander and as we focus in seeking to understand and to feel.

Lighting of the third Advent Candle (The Candle of Joy)

***Hymn: Hope is a Star (vs. 3) No. 119**

**Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
Telling the world that the Saviour is born.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
And none shall be afraid.**

***Hymn: Hark the glad sound**

No. 118

1. Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song!

2. You come the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before you burst,
the iron fetters yield.

3. You come the broken heart to bind,
the wounded soul to cure,
to bring the treasures of God's grace,
good tidings for the poor.

4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with your most honoured name.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & 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 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,
the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;

And also with you

(Children are invited to join in programming following the Passing of the Peace)

Choir: There is no rose

Graham Ellis

*There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu:
Alleluia.*

*For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space:
Res miranda.*

*By that rose we may well see
There be one God in persons three:
Pares forma.*

*Then leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth;
Transeamus.*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 148: 1-13

Barbara Thomas

INTRO: Our scripture reading this morning is Psalm 148, verses 1-13. All creation, not just some of creation is called to praise God. Listen:

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights!

² Praise God, all God's angels;
praise God, all God's host!

³ Praise God, sun and moon;
praise God, all you shining stars!

⁴ Praise God, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for God commanded and they were created.

⁶ God established them for ever and ever;
God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for God's name alone is exalted;
God's glory is above earth and heaven. Amen.

We are listening, O God
Speak to us!

Sermon: DO YOU HAVE A SOUL?

Rev. Dr. Harris Athanasiadis

(Silent Meditation)

Choir: The Virgin Mary had a baby boy

Traditional Caribbean Carol

*The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
And they say that His name was Jesus.*

Refrain:

**He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh yes, believer! Oh yes, believer!
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.**

*The angels sang when the baby born,
The angels sang when the baby born,
The angels sang when the baby born,
And proclaimed Him the Saviour Jesus.*

Refrain

*The shepherds came where the baby
born,
The shepherds came where the baby
born,
The shepherds came where the baby
born,
And they say that His name was Jesus.*

Refrain

*The Wise Men saw where the baby born,
The Wise Men saw where the baby born,
The Wise Men saw where the baby born,
And they say that His name was Jesus.*

Refrain

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

***Hymn: Hail to the Lord's anointed**

No. 115

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2. He brings salvation speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
he saves the poor and needy,
and helps the weak be strong;
they sing who once were
sighing,
their darkness turned to light,
for they, who once were dying,
are precious in his sight.

3. He shall come down like
showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

4. All powers shall bow before
him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing,
for he shall have dominion
o'er river, sea and shore,
far as the eagle's pinion
or dove's light wing can soar.

5. O'er every foe victorious,
Christ on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever:
that name to us is Love.

Benediction

***Threefold Amen**

Organ postlude: The Rejoicing

G.F. Handel

**Remain seated if you are more comfortable*

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We invite you to join us for coffee hour and some light refreshments in our adjacent hall after the service.

All are welcome!

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Coming Events

Sunday, December 15

Advent 3

Special Presentation after worship by
"The 519" Support program for
LGBTQI+ refugees

Tuesday, December 17

Solace Service and Anointing for
Healing, 7:30pm

Saturday, December 21

Pageant Rehearsal, 10am-12pm

Sunday, December 22

Advent 4 / Pageant Sunday

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve All Ages Early Service,
4:30pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service,
7:30pm

Sunday, December 29

Special Christmas Service based on
"The 12 Days of Christmas" Carol

Sunday, January 5

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 12

Baptism of Jesus Sunday

Friday, January 17

PA Day Camp



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