

**SCHOENBRUNN COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
***We are Christ called, Christ centered, Christ sent...loving all.***

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**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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\*\*\*\*\***Watchword for the week: "Be strong, do not fear, your God will come, he will come with vengeance, with divine retribution to save you."**-Isaiah 35:4

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**WORDS OF WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

**\*PASSING THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP**

**\*WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK**

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH** "PEOPLE IN DARKNESS" MBW# 266 V.1, 2,3

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

ISAIAH 35:1-10

MATTHEW 11:2-11

**PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY** "PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW" MBW# 817

*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW;*

*PRAISE HIM ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW;*

*PRAISE HIM ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST;*

*PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST!*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**LOVING SAVIOR,**

**WE THANK YOU FOR SHOWING US WHAT IT MEANS TO BE THE MESSIAH. MAY YOUR COMPASSION BE REFLECTED IN OUR GIVING TOWARDS ALL. AMEN.**

**Children's Lesson**

**Message ""**

**\*HYMN** "ONCE HE CAME IN BLESSING" MBW #270

**HOLY COMMUNION** "IN CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S COMING" MBW#183

**BENEDICTION**

**\*CHIME**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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*\*Please stand, as able.*

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## Prayers of the People

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## **Advent Lighting Script 2022**

Speaker #1: We have faced many unexpected obstacles and challenges these past few years. In some ways, we have grown stronger from adversity and in other ways, our faith has felt shaken. We are left wondering, who will have our backs?

Speaker #2 Who will guide us? Who will lead us out of the darkness? Who will be the one to show us that we are never truly alone?

Speaker #1 The Prophet Isaiah says there is a way out of the darkness. A Messiah has come that will light up our lives and our world. He will mend the brokenhearted and he will show us that we do not walk alone.

Speaker #2: We light this candle, as a sign of our hope, our unshakable hope that we know that our Savior lives and that he will show us the way out of the darkness. He will give our footsteps meaning and purpose. Jesus will show us the true meaning of God's love.

(Light Candle)

Sing Verse 1 of hymn.

## Week 2

**Reader One:** For many of us, there is nothing like heading home. A familiar path, memories that flood our hearts and minds, and a tree in the front yard that has witnessed every important milestone our family has shared together.

**Reader Two:** Yet, going home isn't always a good occasion. Sometimes we have to retreat home when we have lost our way in the world. Sometimes we are called to go home when something or someone is lost and our lives will never be the same. Sometimes we go home when there is no place else in the world to go. We have become spiritual pilgrims.

**Reader One:** The prophetic voice of John the Baptist tells us to, "Repent, for the kingdom of God has come near." John prepared the way for Jesus by reminding us that our spiritual home is not in the clouds or even in the buildings religious communities occupy. We no longer need to look up to see God. We just need to look around us.

**Reader Two:** We light these candles, the candle of hope and love, as a sign that we are on a journey home to our Christ child. He is willing to guide us no matter the circumstances. Whether we are feeling nostalgic and excited to follow him or feeling lost or exhausted from the grind of the journey. His love shows us the way home.

(Light Candle)

Sing Verse 1 and 2 of hymn.

### Week 3

**Reader 1:** Peace is such an important thing to have in life. It could be a few minutes of silence we spend with our cup of coffee in the morning, a car ride home from work or school, or a prayerful place we go that we know won't be interrupted.

**Reader 2:** Yet, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph knew very little peace throughout their journey. They had to quietly leave town and head to Bethlehem. Shortly, after Jesus was born they had to flee to the foreign land of Egypt, out of fear that Herod would kill Jesus out of jealousy. Peace was not given to this family. They had to work hard to find it.

**Reader 1:** Matthew 5:9 said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." It is our prayer that this Advent season that God may use every one of us to be his agents of peace and reconciliation.

**Reader Two:** We light these candles, the candle of hope and love, and peace as a sign that many of God's greatest gifts cannot be enjoyed without peace in our hearts and peace in our communities. May all of us get the chance to experience God's peace within us this Advent season.

(Light Candle)

Sing Verse 1, 2, and 3 of hymn #266.