

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn of Discipleship** Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Red Hymnal #160

***Benediction**

***Carrying Out the Light**

Postlude Tidings of Comfort and Joy Lloyd Larson

If you need to leave during the Postlude, please exit quietly as worship continues.

** Please stand if you are able*

Welcome to Yardley United Methodist Church!

300 Langhorne Road, Yardley, PA 19067

Church Phone: 215-493-3345

Office Hours: Mon & Tues 9 am –1:30 pm; Wed & Thurs 9 am –2:30 pm

Pastoral Emergencies: 215-316-1431

Website: www.yardleyumc.org

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Rev. Cynthia E. Skripak

cell: 215-316-1431 pastorcyndi@yardleyumc.org

Youth Director: Denise Harris denise@yardleyumc.org

Music Staff

Director of Music: Eduardo Azzati eduardo@yardleyumc.org

Administrative & Support Staff

Office Manager: Nancy Scurlock

office@yardleyumc.org

Sexton: Jack Reed

“Open hearts, open minds, open doors”

The United Methodist Church

December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

11 o'clock

You are encouraged to use the time of music being played in the Prelude to quietly center yourself for worship. We request that you silence your cell phone. You are encouraged to sit down during the Postlude and listen to the music in a time for reflection.

Prelude Mary Did You Know
Lawry & Greene, Arr. Patricia Sanders Cota
- Alleluia Ringers -

Introit Listen Here Jay Althouse
- Nancy Hoerl, soloist -

Welcome Rev. Cynthia E. Skripak
Please refer to the announcements in the bulletin. Please take a moment to sign the welcome card in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Gathering Words

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***Hymn of Praise** Hail to the Lord's Anointed Red Hymnal #203

Advent Candlelighting Joy Candle

Leader: God, you have changed judgement to hope, destruction to restoration, oppression to liberation and dread to praise. You sent us prophets bringing the joyful news of the coming of the Messiah.

People: We, God's people, proclaim with Isaiah, "God is indeed my salvation; I will trust and won't be afraid. The Lord is my strength and my shield; he has become my salvation."

Leader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of joy in recognition of all God's mighty acts, from the beginning to the end of time.

(Light one pink candle)

Candlelighting Song Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (*stanza 1*) Hymnal #196
*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.*

Responsive Reading Canticle of Zechariah Red Hymnal #208

***Response** (*please stand*) Gloria Patri Red Hymnal #71
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Reception of New Member Red Hymnal pg. 33

Prayer for Others

The Lord's Prayer Red Hymnal #895

***Passing the Peace** (*Please greet others by saying "Peace be with you."*)

Ministry of Music Magnificat Ralph Vaughan Williams

Old Testament Reading Zephaniah 3:14-17 Pew Bible p. 826 O. T.

Gospel Reading Luke 3:7-16 Pew Bible p. 56 N.T.

Sermon Just Do It! Rev. Cynthia E. Skripak

***Hymn** Tell Out My Soul Red Hymnal #200

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory Fantasy on "Personet Hodie" Garret Parker

***Response** Doxology sung to the tune of "What Child Is This"
*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. Amen.*