

December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent
9 a.m. Celebration Service

You are encouraged to use the time of music being played
in the Centering to quietly prepare yourself for worship.
We request that you silence your cell phone.

Centering for Worship Adore Kendrick & Chalk, Arr. Todd Beany

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!

***Praise Songs** Revival Fire, Fall Songbook #190
Light One Candle Songbook #145

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.*

Children's Moments

(Children are invited to come forward)

Lord's Prayer Red Hymnal #895
*(Following the Lord's Prayer, children age Preschool through 3rd grade are dismissed to go
with their teachers to Sunday School)*

***Passing the Peace** *Please greet each other by saying "Peace be with you."*

Song All Hail, King Jesus Songbook #4

Sharing the Faith and Prayer

Special Music Christmas Is Coming Joel Raney
- Celebration Singers -

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.

Message Just Do It! Rev. Cynthia E. Skripak
*(After the message, children grades 4th and 5th are dismissed to sing with the Children's
Singing Troupe.)*

***Song** Mighty Is Our God Songbook #158

The Offering

Offertory Mary Did You Know Lawry & Greene, Arr. P. Sanders Cota
- Alleluia Ringers -

***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.*

***Offertory Prayer**

***Song** Shout to the Lord Songbook #198

***Carrying Out the Light**

***Benediction**

***Going Forth** He Shall Reign Forever Tomlin & Maher, Arr. Larry Shackley