



Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 13, 2020
First Baptist Church of Lafayette

Prelude

“Still, Still, Still”

Melanie Manges

arr. Bober

Welcome to Worship

Caleb Clement

Gathering Song

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

#154

(Verse 1) O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

(Verse 2) O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death’s dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Call to Worship*¹

Caleb Clement

Once upon a time, there was a little girl who had a terrible day.
She left her lunch at home.
She skinned her knee on the playground, and no one wanted to sit with her on the bus.
As she sank into her mother's arms at the end of the day, her mother said,
"Honey, what was the best part of today?"
The little girl cried and said, "Nothing! The entire day was terrible."
So the mother got down on one knee, wiped away her tears and said,
"There is always some good. Sometimes we just really have to look for it."
The little girl looked up at her mom and said, "What is good about today?"
And the mother said, "For starters, you're here in my arms."

Friends, anytime we gather together to worship God, we are in God's arms.
So, may we recognize that gift, and in doing so, may we sow joy.
Let us worship Holy God.

Hymn of Advent

"My Soul Proclaims with Wonder"

#170

(Chorus) My soul proclaims with wonder the greatness of the Lord,
Rejoicing in God's goodness my spirit is restored.
(Verse 1) To me has God shown favor, to one the world thought frail,
And every age will echo the angel's first "All hail!"
(Chorus) My soul proclaims with wonder the greatness of the Lord,
Rejoicing in God's goodness my spirit is restored.
(Verse 2) God's mercy shields the faithful and saves them from defeat,
With strength that turns to scatter the proud in their conceit.
(Chorus) My soul proclaims with wonder the greatness of the Lord,
Rejoicing in God's goodness my spirit is restored.
(Verse 3) The mighty have been vanquished, the lowly lifted up.
The hungry find abundance, the rich, an empty cup.
(Chorus) My soul proclaims with wonder the greatness of the Lord,
Rejoicing in God's goodness my spirit is restored.

¹ *Call to Worship, Candle Litany, and Prayer written by Sarah Are/A Sanctified Art LLC/sanctifiedart.org.
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Lighting the Candle of Joy*

The Carrico Family

Response to Candle of Joy “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” #154

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Children’s Sermon

Rev. Lisa Williams Hood

Invitation to Prayer

Rev. Hood

“Coventry Carol” arr. Rinehart

Pastoral Prayer* & The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Hood

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 and Psalm 126

Rev. Hood

Special Music “The Little Drummer Boy”

Handbell Choir

Sermon “THOSE WHO DREAM. . . sow joy”

Rev. Hood

Hymn of Joy “Joy to the World” #179

(Verse 1) Joy to the world, the Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
(Verse 2) Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
(Verse 4) He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Offering

Rev. Hood

*Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,
Teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,
That we might praise you not with our words only,
But with our whole lives. Amen.*

Offertory

“He is Born”

French carol

Harriet Coppoc, flute, and Gordon Coppoc, handbells

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Announcements

Rev. Hood

Benediction

Rev. Hood

Postlude

“The First Noel”

Handbell Choir



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Harriet Coppoc & Gordon Coppoc, Handbell Choir
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