

Third Sunday of Advent - **JOY**
December 11, 2022

Prelude	“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” Melanie Manges, organ	Pachelbel
Welcome		Charles Gullion
Hymn of Advent	“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”	#160, verses 1, 2 and 4
Call to Worship*	(based on John 1:6-8, 19-28)	Charles Gullion

Leader: With joy this day we anticipate the one who is coming, the arrival of the Messiah.

People: The one we call the Word! The one we call the Light.

Leader: Like John the Baptist, we are not the light. In our worship, we testify to the light.

People: Our testimony is prayer and praise, song and scripture.

Leader: Our testimony is preaching and teaching, learning, and serving.

People: May our testimony be a sweet sound in your ear, O God.

Lighting the Advent Candles

Hymn “We Light the Advent Candles” #175 with alternate tune

We light the Advent candles against the winter night,
to welcome our Lord Jesus who is the world’s True Light,
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Three candles now are gleaming and show us the true way,
rejoice, the Baptist cries out, your Lord has come today.
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Lighting the Candles (two purple and the pink candle) Margaret Lancaster

ALL: Today we relight the candle of **HOPE** and **PEACE** and light the third candle of **JOY**. As the coming of Jesus, our Savior, draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of his birth.

Invitation to Prayer Amanda Guthrie

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer Amanda Guthrie

Worship Arts “What a Wonderful Name” Duren
Melanie Manges & Madi Dyck, soprano

New Testament Reading Matthew 11:2-11 Amanda Guthrie

Sermon “Joy to the World” Amanda Guthrie

Hymn of Joy “Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates” #176

Offering Prayer

Charles Gullion

*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

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”
Melanie Manges, organ

Walther

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

Charles Gullion

Benediction

Amanda Guthrie

Postlude

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”
Melanie Manges, organ

Pachelbel