



*3rd Sunday of Advent*

DECEMBER 12, 2021

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Stacey Simpson Duke

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

All: Christ comes to rule the world with truth and grace.

One: Let every heart prepare him room!

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

## PRELUDE

*Meine Seele erhebt den Herren, BWV 648* - Johann Sebastian Bach  
(My Soul Magnifies the Lord) (1685-1750)

## \*INVOCATION

Lizzie Redinger

(\*If you are able, please stand)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:6-7

Lizzie Redinger

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Ashley, Martin, Tess, and Ruby Magers

Solo

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Coley Roberts, *soprano*

## TIME AS CHILDREN

Xan Morgan

(Children 5th grade and younger come forward for Time as Children and then leave for Church School.)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Stacey Simpson Duke

Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

## \*GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:6-7

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## SERMON

*Arrival: Response*

Paul Simpson Duke

## SILENT REFLECTION

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

## ANTHEM

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* - arr. Pamela M. Robertson

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

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! Rejoice, for Christ shall come to thee and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high and order all things, far and night;  
to us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;





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Children (through 5th grade) leave for Church School following Time as Children. Please come pick up your children from the Children’s Ministry wing after worship. The nursery is available during worship for 3 year olds and younger.

Youth (6th-12th grade) go to the youth room for youth group immediately following worship.

Poetry & Faith. Join us online via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88135916710>) for this adult spiritual formation opportunity, 11:30-12:30.

Join us for Night Prayer on Tuesday nights at 8:30pm on our church Facebook page for a simple short service of prayer. Note: There will be no Night Prayer this Tuesday, December 14. We will resume on December 21.

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