

The Chapel in the Pines

December 11, 2022

*Serving our Community by Preaching, Teaching,
and Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Third Sunday of Advent



**The flowers on the Communion table this week are given
to the Glory of God by John Caggiano
in memory of Joseph, Mae and James.**

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude — Comfort and Joy Overture - Arr. Larson

The Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

The Preparation — Joy, Joy, Songs of Joy - Althouse/Williams

The Invocation — Adapted from Isaiah 35

Hymn — #123 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse #2)

**O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer,
Our spir-its by Thine ad-vent here;
Dis-perse the gloom-y clouds of night,
And death's dark shad-ows put to flight.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el!**

A Reading from the Old Testament Isaiah 35, assorted verses
They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads.

***The Gathering Words**

Adapted from Isaiah 35

In the midst of the barren land,

flowers burst into bloom.

In the midst of the dry desert,

streams of water gush forth.

In the midst of sorrow and sighing,

joy and gladness dance together.

The redeemed of the Lord will come before God with singing,
and they shall be filled with everlasting joy.

***The Song of Praise and Thanksgiving**

#125 Joy to the World (verse 2)

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ.

**While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.**

***Hymn**

#1 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father Christ, our Brother—
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Amen.



***The Passing of the Peace**

The grace and peace
of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ be with you all...
and also with you.

The Passing of the Welcome Pads

The Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory — O Little Town of Bethlehem - Arr. Page

***The Doxology**

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

***The Prayer of Dedication**

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the New Testament James 5:7-10
Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord.

Anthem — Go Tell John - Lee

A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 11:2-11
Go and tell John what you hear and see; the blind receive heir sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

Homily What's the Joy in Waiting?

***Hymn** #119 O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful

1 O thou joyful, O thou wonderful
Grace revealing Christmas-tide!
Jesus came to win us
From all sin within us;
Glorify the Holy Child!

2 O thou joyful, O thou wonderful
Love revealing Christmas-tide!
Loud hosannas singing
And all praises bringing;
May Thy love with us abide!

3 O thou joyful, O thou wonderful
Peace revealing Christmas-tide!
Darkness disappeareth,
God's own light now neareth;
Peace and joy to all betide!



The Eucharist

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

May the Creator of the all that is be with you now.

And also with you.

Do not be afraid, people of God, but lift your hearts to the holy One.

Our hearts will be filled with God's hope, peace, joy, and love.

Children of God, offer words of goodness to the One who keeps faith forever.

We offer glad praises to the One who comes with joy.

Unveiling God, You carved a holy way
through chaos, rejoicing with Word and Spirit
as creation trickled down mountains to form rivers,
birds built nests in shrubs and trees,
bees and butterflies pollinated meadows.

These beautiful things were created
for those formed in your image
so we might be with you in wonder,
but we were blinded by sin's
sparkling seductions and could not
envision the life you offered to us.

Patiently, you sent prophets to us,
who urged us over and again to return,
but we continued to look favorably
upon the gifts offered by sin and death.

So you emptied your strong heart,
becoming weak in the baby
born in Bethlehem for us.

Holy, holy, holy are you, God who does great things.

All creation shall rejoice, offering you praise.

Hosanna in the highest!

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As we draw closer to the joy of his birth,
as we remember his death and resurrection at this feast,
we bear witness to the holy way of faith which is a mystery:

Christ died, trusting that his weakness destroys death;
Christ was raised, telling us of the promise of renewed life;
Christ will come again, to lead us home by the holy way of God.



The Eucharistic Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on 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 and ever...Amen.**

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

*The Response

We hear the echo of a promise: "I'm coming!"

Are you really the One?

"The blind receive their sight and the lame walk."

Are you really the One?

"The lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear."

Are you really the One?

"The dead are raised and the poor eat their fill."

But are you really the One?

"I'm the One who changes the world.

Are you really ready for me?"

With God's help, we're ready to follow you.

We're ready for you!

*The Charge and Benediction

***Hymn** #498 Peace Like a River (verse 3)

**I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,
I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul.
I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,
I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul.**

***Postlude** — Good Christian Friends, Rejoice - Arr. Wyrzten



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Phyllis Mahin, Jack Sealey, Mary Faas, Anthony Tuliano, Cynthia Peppe, Janet Hegeman, Ellie Lyons, Maggie Simmons, Dot Cantwell, Kathy Steele, Sabrina Levine, Chandler Steward, Mike Karnish, Laurie Stevens, Evangeline Caliendo, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Val Scantlin, Joseph Rickards, Lou Mathews, Cami Thistles, Charlie Murray, Father Gary Sawtelle, Kevin Alley, Nick Benschoter, Angie Pinyan, and the people of Ukraine.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

George Hoffman, Bud Holzerland, Mary Kay Allen, Nancee Letter, Charles Hinson, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Dave Westerman, Meta Evans, Joan Tourt, Peggy Olson, Shirley Percival, Alicia Delong and JoAn Moses.

December Announcements



Saturday-December 17 JoAn Moses
Friday-December 23 Kathy Golzio
Friday-December 23 Tim Peppe

Altar Flowers

December

12-4 Bob Dantzer
12-11 John Caggiano
12-18 Alice McPheeters
12-25 Tim & RJ Peppe



Looking Ahead!

Sunday-December 11 9:00 am Third Sunday of Advent
Chapel Board Meeting
2:00 pm Advent Afternoons 4:00 pm Advent Afternoons—Online

Friday-December 16 3:00 pm Movie—"It's A Wonderful Life"

Monday-December 12 through Friday-December 16 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Christmas Gift Distribution

Sunday-December 18 9:00 am Fourth Sunday of Advent
2:00 pm Advent Afternoons
4:00 pm Advent Afternoons—Online

Saturday-December 24 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Candles Carols and Communion

Sunday-December 25 9:00 am Christmas Day

The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday-January 1 9:00 am Epiphany of the Lord





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