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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP: 8:30am / CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 11:00am

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: 9:30am in Fellowship Hall / SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00

Sunday, December 13, 2015

Third Sunday in Advent

8:30am

As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ
who is here to meet you today.

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE

"In Dulci Jubilo" – Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: (8:30) Barge Family

Leader: This third Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

**People: 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.**

*HYMN

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

No. 31

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of joy and thanksgiving, we give You praise this Sunday. We love You and give You thanks for Your constant reminders that we worship one who knows us intimately. Forgive us for allowing ourselves to be cynical, in the face of difficulty. Turn us away from doubt and negative thoughts and lead us to Your desire which is joy and praise. Thank You for providing us with the good news of great joy in Jesus Christ. We pray this through his name, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]

*HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Terri Reiner

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (OT p881)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-20 (NT p58)

SERMON

"The Shepherds Visit the Babe"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

No. 11

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"He is Born" – Trad. arr. Krogstad

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

*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.*

*HYMN

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

No. 38

*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*POSTLUDE

"Fantasy on 'Mendelssohn'" – arr. Page

NEXT WEEK

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 2:25-35

"Jesus, the Harbinger of Peace"

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

Advent Lighting: Youth Group

Advent Response *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

Advent Reading and Prayer

*Praise & Worship

O Come All Ye Faithful

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Revelation Song

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Terri Reiner

Scripture Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Luke 2:8-20

Sermon: *"The Shepherds Visit the Babe"*

*Offering/Closing Song

God With Us

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
