Sunday, December 16, 2012 **Third Sunday in Advent** 8:30am

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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 *“Improvisation on ’Gabriel’s Message’”*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

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

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE: Mark, Tanya, Olivia & Addison Guise

Leader: . . . May the joyful promise of Your presence, O God,

make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

***People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.***

\*HYMN *“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”* *No. 22*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, You came into this world as one of us. You lived a life that was holy and perfect, and showed us how we ought to be different from the world. You love this world, Your grace extends beyond our understanding, but it continues to follow a path that leads away from You. We also, Lord, choose to conform to the world, instead of being renewed by You. Forgive us, and give us another chance to love You with our whole lives. We pray this through Jesus our Lord, 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 *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”* *No. 28*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *Beth Feiler*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Proverbs 23:15-18 (OT p605)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 1:26-38 (NT p56)*

SERMON *“No Fear in Being Different”*  Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN *“Blessed Assurance”* *No. 341*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER *(page 16 in the Hymnal)*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *“Come, Emmanuel, Come”* - D. Besig 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.*

\*APOSTLES’ CREED *(p.14 in the hymnal)*

\*HYMN *“Once in Royal David’s City”* *No. 49*

\*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**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!**

\*POSTLUDE *“In dulci jubilo”* - F. W. Zachau

***“Come As You Are”***

11:00am

Lighting of Advent Candle: Peter, Phyllis & Gabe Witmer

Leader: . . . May the joyful promise of Your presence, O God,

make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

***People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.***

\*Praise & Worship

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*Away in a Manger*

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Greeting & Announcements

Prayer & Peace

Sacrament of Baptism

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading:

*Proverbs 23:15-18; Luke 1:26-38*

Sermon *“No Fear in Being Different”*

Offertory

\*Closing Song

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

\*Benediction

The sacrament of baptism will be given this morning to Kaylee Stoltzfus, daughter of Jason & Kelly Stoltzfus and granddaughter of Jeff & Wendy Stoltzfus

Sermon Notes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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