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Sunday, December 16, 2018
8:30am

Third Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE *“Break Forth, O Beautious Heavenly Light”* – arr. Price
“Gloria in Excelsis Deo” – DeCou

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: Bible Discussion Class

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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

* HYMN *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* No. 41

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Most High God, we thank You and praise You for Your word that will never fail. We confess that we marvel at the confidence of Mary and Elizabeth who, though greatly troubled, trusted in You. Forgive us for always asking “How will this be?” and instead help us to keep watch so we can be a witness to how Your word was, is, and will always be fulfilled. We pray together in the name of the One who fulfilled Your Word on our behalf, Emmanuel. 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”*
**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven’s door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Ali Elias

(For those who wish, children grades K-4 can leave for children’s church at this time.)

ANTHEM *“Night of the Father’s Love”* – Choplin Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 2 Samuel 7:1-11 (OT p281)

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

SERMON *“Confidence in God”* Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN *“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”* No. 27

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *“The Coventry Carol”* – arr. Innes

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

*HYMN *“In the Bleak MidWinter”* No. 36

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

*POSTLUDE *“Christmas Postlude on ‘In Dulci Jubilu’”* – Martin

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Young Couples Class

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*Praise & Worship

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Joy to the World

Jesus I Need You

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Ali Elias

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Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11; Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

"Confidence in God"

*Offering/Closing Song

Heart of Worship

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:

Next Week (Fourth Sunday in Advent)

Isaiah 7:11-17

Titus 2:11-14

"A Simple Story"