

Message

Hymn of the Day *"Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel"* LBW #34

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Canticle *"Thank the Lord and sing"*

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn *"You Servants of God"* LBW #252

Dismissal

"Alleluia"



December 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During this season of the four Sundays before Christmas, we have four banners. We began with the banners "Watch" and "Prepare." Today we add the banner "Rejoice" – the musical note in the flame suggests we rejoice on Jubilate Sunday.

Upcoming Events

Advent service Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Holden Evening Prayer)

Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m.

In Our Prayers

Condolences to Marilyn Woolard following the death of her brother Delane.

Condolences to Greg Moen following the death of his brother-in-law Rodney Alvarez.

Pastor Dennis' cousin Donna Day (pancreatic cancer); Greg Moen's father (pneumonia); BJ and Sharon Koeppe; Mary Ann Knee's sister-in-law Joyce; Judy Larson and Keith Reeg (hospice)

Happy Birthday: Don Knee (Dec. 14), Marilyn Woolard (Dec. 17), Shirley Theil (Dec. 19)

Volunteers Needed: Membership Care Team (contact Doris Hoffart); offering counters and Altar Guild (contact church office)

Warmth, Peace and Pajamas

New pajamas for Children size 8 through Adult XL can be dropped off at the Salvation Army or WJAG Radio. Checks to Norfolk Salvation Army Pajama Project can be dropped off or mailed to 610 West Norfolk Avenue by Dec. 17.

Sign up for poinsettias (sign-up sheet on back table).

2021 offering envelopes are in mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

Please use them as they make the offering counters' job much easier.

Third Week of Advent

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation.

~Isaiah 61:10

Confession and Forgiveness

Entrance Hymn *"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* LBW #30

Greeting

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Third Candle — JOY

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R: Lord, through your prophets you have promised us your joy;

C: You have declared good news to the oppressed.

R: We continue to hope in your promises, O God;

C: To bind up our broken hearts.

R: We depend upon your promises, Giver of all life;

C: You proclaim liberty to all captives.

R: Lord, we are only clothed by the garments of your salvation;

C: Our only covering is the robe of your righteousness.

R: We take comfort in your promises to us;

C: And await you with expectant hearts.

(three candles are lit)

Prayer: God of the Good News, the promise of your joy draws us to the manger. As we approach Jesus' birth, let us kneel and adore Him. Let us bow down before the mystery of Emmanuel—God with us. Amen

Advent Hymn *"Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn"* LBW #43

Scriptures

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."**

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

**Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28