



Peace United Church of Christ
Worship Resources for the Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024

*If you have an Advent wreath at home, place it nearby
and light it as part of the service.*

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

Lighting the Third Advent Candle: JOY

Prayer: You, Lord Jesus, are near. We feel your nearness as the joy begins to grow in us. Soon we will stand in awe and wonder, in the quiet joy of a silent night. Amen

Scripture Readings

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Luke 3: 7-18

Meditation

Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Closing Song

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels, we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o’er the plains;
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.
Glo.....ria
In Excelsis Deo,
Glo.....ria
In Excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, The newborn King.
Glo.....ria
In Excelsis Deo,
Glo.....ria
In Excelsis Deo.

Benediction & Sending Forth