

Welcome!

Prayer of Preparation

We wait, watch, look, listen!

We pay attention!

God, we know that you are doing a new thing!

We can feel it! We want to be a part of it!

Awaken our senses to the coming of Jesus in this Advent, we pray.

Amen

We will sing from the Red Hymnal today

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE "Drummer Boy/ Pat-a-Pan" arranged by Diane Bish

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are pinning our hopes on a little baby.

P: ***Our God is with us and the world's love is reborn!***

L: As into our world, into the stable, into our hearts,

P: ***we invite Jesus to come. Come, Lord Jesus!***

*HYMN "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers".....no. 87

*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Waiting, waiting! Waiting is so difficult, God!

When we see all that is upheaval and pain, all that is selfishness and greed, all that is fear and doubt, we are weary with waiting.

In this time of great meaning, in the stillness of Advent love and light, hear our deepest confession; heal us and make us new through the glad tidings of your coming among us in Jesus. Amen

+SILENT PRAYER

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

L: Be ready for surprising grace!

C: ***We are waiting for the Child to come!***

*PRAISE RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end! Amen Amen*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: The Shepherd's Candle

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congregation Response: ***We promise our love, support and care.***

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35: 1-10 pg. 578

ANTHEM

"His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful" Innes and Kreuger

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1: 46b-55 pg. 831

MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***We believe in God,
creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all.***

***We believe in Jesus the Christ—
God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn—
who emerges as the herald of hope,
God's laughter in the face of despair.
Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives,
and is leading the way to the land of promise
where justice and peace will flourish.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who implants the seed of truth,
brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us
to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.***

***We believe in the coming reign of God.
Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus,
and will be consummated in the marriage of earth and heaven,
when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow
will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness,
and gathered into the joyous fulfillment of God's desire.***

***For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray:
Come, Lord Jesus, Come!***

— written by Nathan Nettleton, and posted on his [Laughingbird](#) website.

*HYMN “Hark! The Glad Sound”no. 82

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

“O Come Little Children” arranged by Diane Bish

CALL TO THE OFFERING

*OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 356

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION/THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

*HYMN “Once in Royal David’s City”no. 104

*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

*RESPONSE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

***O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.***

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE “Caroling, Caroling” arranged by Diane Bish

(L- Leader; P- **People**. Those who are able, please *- stand, +-kneel)



Peace United Church of Christ

To all who are weary and need rest; to all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who pray and to all who do not but ought; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will come – this church opens wide the door and says in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

WELCOME!



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Third Sunday of Advent