



Service for the Lord's Day

December 16, 2018 11:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Advent



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New to Hunter? Here's some information to help you feel at home. Where you see asterisks in the bulletin, you're invited to stand. When we pass the peace, you're invited to greet those around you with a joyful sign of Christ's peace. All children are welcome to come forward for the sharing with young disciples. When we share our joys and concerns, feel free to join in. We offer a nursery for newborns through 3-year-olds. Thank you for visiting Hunter. We're glad you're here! Before you leave, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude Chorale on "Good News From Heaven the Angels Bring" by Johann Pachelbel

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,

for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. You will say in that day:

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, for the Holy One of Israel is in our midst.

*Hymn 403 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" UNSER HERRSCHER

Prayer of Confession

Source of salvation, what shall we do? Our lives are unworthy of the goodness you offer. We complain of our condition when our wants go unnoticed. Contentment eludes us, since when we have plenty we still yearn for more. Millions face hunger, while we fret over abundance. Through Christ forgive us, yet grant us no peace until we share our bread with the hungry and our homes with those who lack shelter. Amen.

(moment for silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn 595 "Holy, Holy, Holy" (sing twice) ARGENTINE SANTO

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Gathering Song "While We Are Waiting, Come" WAITING (Cason)
(hymn 92, verse 3)

Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

Sharing with Young Disciples

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament Zephaniah 3:14-20 (O.T., p. 877)

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 24



Come, all you pure in heart; come, and ex - alt God's ho - ly name.

Reading from the Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

(N.T., p. 60)

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Message

"What should we do?"

J. T. Silence

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Special Music

Matthew Goodrich

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings (with Hunger Offering)

Offertory

"A Stable Lamp Is Lighted"

arr. Wilbur Held

*Hymn 605

"Praise to God the Father"

DA N'ASE

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

*Hymn 144

"In the Bleak Midwinter"
(verses 1, 2 & 4)

CRANHAM

*Charge & Benediction

*Hymn 564

"Amen"

AMEN

Postlude

"Concerto in B Minor, Mvt. I"

by Johann Gottfried Walther

Depart in Peace

*Please stand as you are able.

Household Poem: You put a glad song on our lips, O God of salvation, for in you we can trust and not be afraid. In Christ is announced our source of deliverance; through him the lame walk and the outcast are praised. Soon you will gather your people for a festival of salvation; we assemble now in Christ's name to rejoice and boast of your goodness. Amen.

This Week at Hunter

12/16 Sunday	Session 12:15p.m.
12/18 Tuesday	Lunch Bunch 11:30a.m. Blessings in a Backpack 11:00a.m. (Glendover)
12/20 Thursday	Stitch 'n Listen 10:00a.m. (UC)
12/23 Sunday	Early Worship 8:45a.m. Christmas Caroling 9:30a.m. Morning Worship 11:00a.m.

Sunday Announcements

A warm welcome to all visitors. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

Prayer Requests:

Prayers for: Jackie Smith, Evelyn Evans, Patricia Laughlin, Becky Ginter, Jennifer Wheeling, Bob White, Doris Palmer, Pauline Tabb, Midge Rishel, Ruth Beattie's parents, Ann Johnson (friend of Bob White & Annie Rhoten).

Today, the third Sunday of Advent, the lovely poinsettias provided by members and friends in honor or memory of loved make a striking addition to the evolving sanctuary decorations. Their vivid red color can evoke for us the refiner's fire of Malachi 3:1-4. On the chancel today we see Joseph arrived at the stable, readying it for the arrival of the Christ Child.

Christmas Joy Offering. We celebrate the birth of Jesus through the Christmas Joy offering. Half of the offering is used to supplement pensions for former ministers, missionaries, church workers and their families with inadequate retirement income when assistance is needed or to provide grants when medical emergencies arise. The other half of the offering provides scholarships for outstanding students who attend Presbyterian schools founded as mission outreach to provide an excellent education for African American, American Indian or Hispanic students. (Menaul School, Presbyterian Pan American School and Stillman College.) Many will become church leaders and need financial assistance while they discover and prepare for their professional lives. The Christmas Joy Offering gifts help students listening for God's call and church workers who have tried to follow that call faithfully for decades. Our gifts are thanks for past faithfulness and hope for future possibilities. Envelops for this offering are in the pew racks. They can be put in the offering any Sunday morning or at the Christmas Eve service.

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