

Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

God of redeeming grace, you lead us in paths of righteousness and make your ways known through the birthday of a child. We praise your goodness and rely on your wisdom. Accept the sounds of rejoicing we raise to you, and guide your hearing as we seek your instruction. Grant that we may not only worship you joyfully but also follow you faithfully all the days of our lives.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude and Silent Meditation

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” (Grimoaldo Macchia)

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Invocation

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle

8:30 a.m. **McKinley Family**

11:00 a.m. **Twum-Barimah Family**

Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” #118

*Apostles’ Creed

Hymnal Page 35

*Gloria Patri

Hymnal Page 581

Dedication

Reading of the Word: Isaiah 7:14-16; 9:2-8 Pages 636 & 638

*Doxology

Hymnal Page 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

8:30 a.m. Jeff Clise

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (arr. by Mark Hayes)

11:00 a.m. The Adult Choir

“The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came” (Gabriel’s Message) Traditional Basque Carol (arr. and edited by Edgar Pettman)

Supplication

Morning Prayer

Prayer Response “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (Chorus) #136

Exposition

Children’s Message/Kids of the Kingdom

*Hymn “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” #143

Preaching of the Word:

“Was The Miracle Only on 34th Street?”

Prayer of Application

Consecration

*Hymn of Consecration

“Joy to the World” #134

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Wake Awake for Night Is Flying” (Grimoaldo Macchia)

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* Congregation will stand if able

Offering plate is at the entrance to sanctuary!

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