

8:45 EMERGING WORSHIP

*December 11, 2011
3rd Sunday of Advent*

*Listening devices & Song Sheets with notes
are available from the ushers*



GATHERING SONG *There is a Great Joy a-Coming*

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

COMING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP
SONG *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
ADVENT LITANY (see page 1) the Briggs family
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRAYER

SONG *God With Us, Emmanuel*

TIME WITH CHILDREN
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Inside page 2)

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Pew Bible O.T. page 691
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Pew Bible N.T. page 205
John 1:6-8, 19-28 Pew Bible N.T. page 91

MEDITATION *"Who Do You Expect?":* Rev. Tom Folts

SONG OF RESPONSE *There Is a Redeemer*

A TIME OF PRAYER

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYER

GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
PRAYER OF DEDICATION
OFFERTORY *Say He Will Come*

SENDING
SENDING SONG *Days of Elijah*

11:00 WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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Listening devices and large-print materials
are available from the ushers.

Please set all cell phones and electronic pagers to vibrate.

**All those who are able, please stand.*



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Rejoice! Rejoice Believers" L. Smith
⌘ ⌘ ⌘ *Please keep silent so that others can meditate* ⌘ ⌘ ⌘

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT LITANY *the Fedder and Kucirka families*
One: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Prince of Peace
All: The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.
One: In the midst of conflict, we look to the One who brings harmony.
All: The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.
One: In the midst of confusion, we look to the One who brings clarity.
All: The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.
One: In the midst of division, we look to the One who brings unity.
All: The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.
One: In the midst of separation, we look to the One who restores the broken
All: The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.
One: Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING *God With Us, Emmanuel* Joel Raney
Chancel Choir, with congregation (see insert)

*HYMN 8 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
All-knowing God, we confess our worry and anxiety over unimportant matters. We admit the fears that make us defensive instead of loving. We acknowledge our resentment over losses we have sustained and oppression we have suffered. We recognize that we have been far more concerned for our own welfare than for the building up of Christ's body, the church. In our congregation, we have focused on survival more than service. We look for what we can gain more than for what we can give. Re-establish your rule among us, we pray, and save us from ourselves. (silent confession) Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: ...Friends hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE TO PARDON

ST. LOUIS

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus Loves Me
Westminster Bell Choir

Traditional.

ANTHEM

Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes
Chancel Choir

Michael Larkin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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LEADER: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Who Do You Expect?"

Rev. Tom Folts

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 15

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

French Noel

R. Warner

*WE CELEBRATE OUR GIFTS (TUNE 591)

**We give thee but thine own, What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust O Lord, from Thee.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In our unworthiness, O God, may we yet bring worthy gifts to honor the Messiah. May the brokenhearted be led to enriching new celebrations. May the lowly among us come to know their true worth as persons chosen by you to do great things. By your mercy, may the hungry be fed not only with bread but also with opportunities to feed others. We give ourselves as your servants, for no gift is complete without personal commitment. Thank you, God, for expecting great things of us. Our spirits rejoice in the coming of our Savior. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 2

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

R. Powell