

Thank You for Volunteering Your Service Today

GREETERS

Outside Volunteers Needed
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USHERS

Margie Williams
John & Ann Jensen
Volunteer Needed

COFFEE HOSTS

Volunteers Needed

Next Sunday, December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pastor Diane Gordon preaching

Sermon Series: Coming Home

Sermon Title: God Makes This World a Home

Text: Luke 1:46-55

WORSHIP SERVICES CAN BE SEEN ON CHANNEL 191

Traditional Worship Service: Tuesday - 7:00 pm,

Wednesday - 2:50 pm, & Saturday - 6:30 pm

Contemporary Worship Service:

Wednesday - 6:00 am, Friday - 6:30 pm & Sunday - 7:00 pm

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& Contemporary Service at 11:00 am

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We are a Stephen Ministry congregation

Christian Care, Compassion, Listening

— when you need it most.

Spiritual Direction is available to the congregation.



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Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017

**Those who are comfortable standing, please stand.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please take a moment to sign the welcome pad and pass it to others in the pew.)

GREETING OUR NEIGHBOR

*OPENING HYMN

The First Noel

No. 245

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

All (sung) "O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our Spirits by thy justice here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight."

Reader 1: "The LORD has done great things for us, and we are overjoyed...Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joyful shouts." (Psalm 126:3, 5 CEB)

Reader 2: God of Joy, you enter the wilderness of our world and proclaim that there is a way to reach home again.

Reader 3: God of Joy, you break through clouds of despair and sorrow to bring good news to your people.

Reader 4: God of Joy, you send hope into the world in the form of a tiny baby.

All: We, God's people, sing songs of joy with the prophet, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God" (Isaiah 61:10, NRSV).

Reader 1: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle, knowing that joy is our true home.

All (sung): "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 3:21-24 The Message

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

AWAY FROM THE MANGER: A MUSICAL PLAY

A TIME OF OFFERING *(Ushers will collect your purple prayer requests in the offering plate.)*

Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

(Loose coins will go to the Goodrow Fund)

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

No. 251

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We are glad to be able to worship together today.
We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship
in the Gathering Space following the service.