

# Third Sunday of Advent ... JOY

December 17, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ..... Ray and Frances Hudson

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER ..... Pastor and Congregation

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"... vs. 1 ..... 83

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Isaiah 55:1-13* ..... Reggie Jackson

**Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.**

HYMN ... "Joy to the World!" ... vs. 1, 2 and 4 ..... 102

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ..... Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ..... Pastor and Congregation

**O Lord God, as we prepare our hearts to receive the One whom you are sending, forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way. Forgive us, in the name of Jesus, the One who is coming. Amen.**

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" ... vs. 1, 3 and 4 ..... 132

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Pastor

PRESENTATION OF CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERINGS

Congregational Hymn ... "The First Noel" ... 124

LITANY OF JOY ... *based on Isaiah 12:2-6*

Leader: Surely God is our salvation; we will trust and will not be afraid.

**People: With joyous expectation we watch for signs of God's coming!**

Leader: God is our strength and our might. With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**People: With joyous expectation we watch for signs of God's coming!**

Leader: Give thanks to God, call on God's name; make known God's deeds among the nations.

**People: With joyous expectation we watch for signs of God's coming!**

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in our midst is the Holy One.

**People: With joyous expectation we watch for signs of God's coming!**

ANTHEM ... "Let There Be Joy on the Mountain" ..... Choir

SERMON ..... Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... "O Little Town of Bethlehem"... vs. 1 and 4 ..... 107

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

5:30 p.m. .... *A Keepsake Christmas!*

7:00 p.m. .... Choir Practice

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. .... Deacons' Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. .... **CHRISTMAS CAROLING!** (Pizza before we carol!)

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. .... Advent Book Study

NEXT SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. .....Worship Service ... Adult Cantata ... *Night of the Father's Love*

5:30 p.m. .....Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**USHERS**

**TODAY**..... Eugene Crisco's Team

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Jeff Robinson

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**TODAY** .....Pauline and McKenzie J.

**NEXT SUNDAY**... Tina C. and Nancy R.

**NURSERY**

**TODAY** ..... Lesa S. and Laura F.

**NEXT SUNDAY**.....Barbara S. and Mary W.

**PRAYER LIST**

<b>Church family:</b> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Sarah Jo Wall, Florence Cagle, Karen Dailey			Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
<b>At Home:</b> Helen Greene, Irene Warner			Butch/Nancy Jenkins	Bob Moore	nephew
<b>Friends and Relatives of:</b> Molly/Wayne Abbott			Candy Loflin	Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
	Monnie Jenkins	friend	Max/Jane Luquire	John Moore	Nancy's father
	Tony Lawson	friend	Barbara Lynthacum	Jennifer Denning	Katie's friend
	Toni Atcheson	sister		Cristie Thomas	friend
Jane Covington	Tammy Laprade	sister		Beth Holt	friend
	Faye Thomas	sister		Misty Morgan	friend.
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law		Jo Brooks	friend
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law		J.D. Thompson	nephew
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters		Melissa Green	daughter
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend	Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
Garrett Gooch	Mary Chunn	grandmother	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
Ray, Frances Hudson	Harold Johnson	daughter	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
Paul/Thelma Hussey	Meryl Johnson	brother	Jeff Robinson	June Spears	friend
	Mildred Hunsucker	sister-in-law	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
		friend	Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
			<b>Service Personnel:</b> Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart		

**No breakfast next Sunday.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Weekly budget needs ... \$2,438.00**

**Monthly budget needs .....\$10,567.00**

**Last week's offering.....\$2,085.10**

**November offering.....\$8,664.00**