

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

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CHORUS "Holy, Holy" 2039

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Aria on Jewels" Dale Wood

*HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory" 220

* LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We light the first candle of Advent as a reminder that a Child of Hope will come as the promise of God for our world

**Come, O Child of Hope We Pray.
Enter our hearts and show us Your way.
Promise of God, Heaven's pure Light,
Hope for our world shining bright!
Come, O Child of Hope, we pray.**

We light the second candle of Advent as a reminder that the Prince of Peace comes as the One who can bring justice to our world.

**Come, O Child of Peace We Pray.
Enter our hearts and show us Your way.
Promise of God, Heaven's pure Light,
Peace for our world shining bright!
Come, O Child of Peace, we pray.**

Scripture Reading - Isaiah 35:1-10

We light the third candle of Advent as a reminder that the Child of Light is also our Redeemer, bringing eternal joy into the world.

As the third candle is lit, remind us again O Lord, our Redeemer, the many reasons your children have to rejoice!

**Come, O Child of Joy We Pray.
Enter our hearts and show us Your way.
Promise of God, Heaven's pure Light,
Joy for our world shining bright!
Come, O Child of Joy, we pray.**

*THE PEACE

CHERUB CHOIR "Hurry to Bethlehem" Lloyd Larson
Soloists: Kaydee Beckenbaugh, Clara Ryan and Reesa Mowery

LAMBS' TALK "Where Children Belong" 223
(Following the Lambs' Talk, Children are invited to Junior Church)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(using the word "sin")*

*HYMN "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" 210

*SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-37;46-49

SERMON *Living from Favor to Fear to Joy*

THE OFFERING

CHANCEL CHOIR "The Angels Song" Eugene Engler

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, yet heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" 224

*THE BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Do You Hear What I Hear" N. Regney/G.S. Bake

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"Do You Hear What I Hear?" was composed in October 1962 by the songwriting team of Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne Baker as a plea for peace during the Cuban Missile Crisis. It has since become a beloved Christmas classic. Matching each verse to the new voices of our organ has been great fun - sing or hum along!

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Luke 1

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." 34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called[a] the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. 37 For no word from God will ever fail."

46 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.

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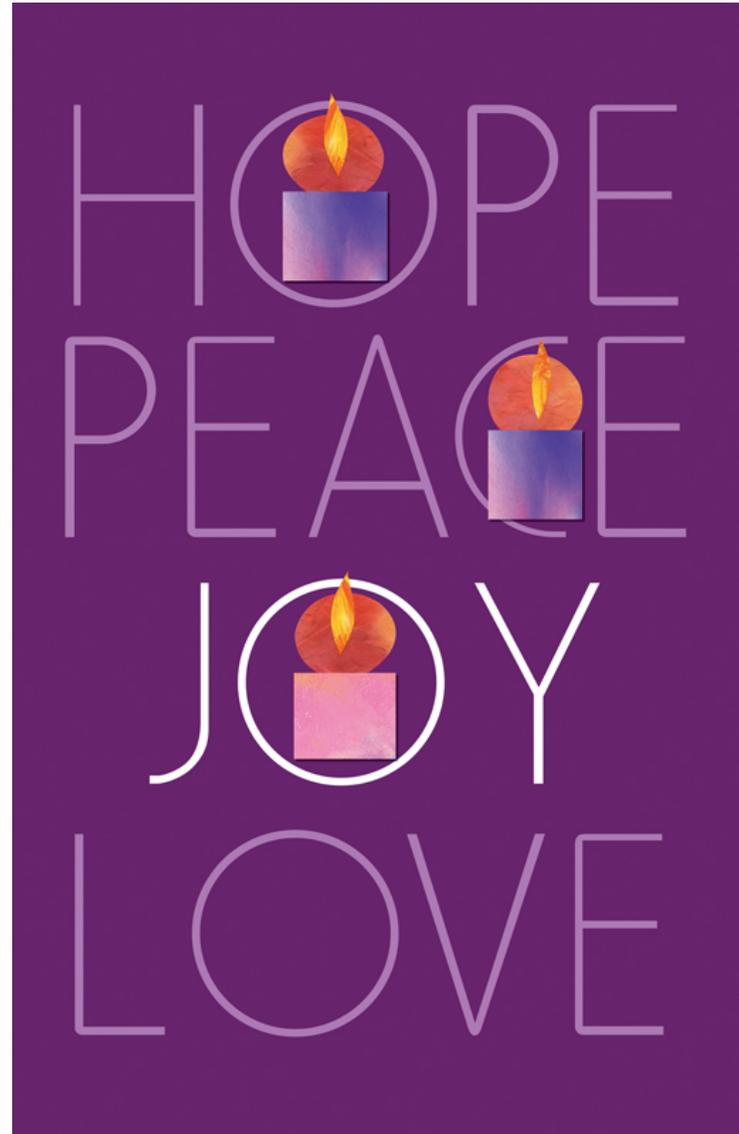
ORGAN NOTES:

William Cushing set the words of his 1856 poem "When He Cometh" to the hymn tune "Jewels," composed by George F. Root (1820 - 1895). The words of the first verse and chorus are:

*When He cometh, when He cometh,
To make up His jewels,
All His jewels, precious jewels,
His loved and His own.*

*Like the stars of the morning,
His bright crown adorning,
They shall shine in their beauty,
Bright gems for His crown.*

The third verse of this hymn reveals that "little children, who love their Redeemer, are the jewels." Organist-composer Dale Wood (1934 - 2003) created the prelude's arrangement of this tune.



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