

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2020 10:00 AM

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

PRELUDE

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

arr., J. Krug

Sam Hampton, violin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Benny Overton

Come! Rejoice in God.

let us give thanks, whatever life brings.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

*Let us prepare our hearts and our world
for the Prince of Peace, who is coming.*

May all who weep come home with shouts of joy.

*Prepare the way of the Lord, and make a straight path
for God's arrival.*

**In prayer, song, and service, let us prepare for the
birth of love.**

CAROL

MENDELSSOHN

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.”*

*Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord:
Late in time, behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Immanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”*

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of
righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. Aho

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

*Today we light the Advent candle of Joy because the good news
of Jesus' birth brings us and all people the greatest joy. In
Luke 2:10, the angels told the shepherds ~ “Do not be afraid.
For behold I bring you good news of great joy which will
be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has
been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.”*

*The Third Sunday of Advent takes its name from the Latin word
Gaudette which means rejoice. Thus, the Candle of Joy.*

RESPONSE

McGEE

“Emmanuel”

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Mr. Overton

Psalms 126

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Aho

MUSIC MEDITATION

arr., J. Krug

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Sam Hampton, violin

MESSAGE

Rev. Aho

“Hope and Promise”

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

CAROL

IN DULCI JUBILO

“Good Christians, All Rejoice”

*Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today.
Man and beast before Him bow, and He is in the manger now:
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!*

*Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save;
Calls you one and calls you all, to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born today, Christ was born today!*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Aho

POSTLUDE

arr., D. Lasky

“Fanfare on Angels We Have Heard on High”

OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

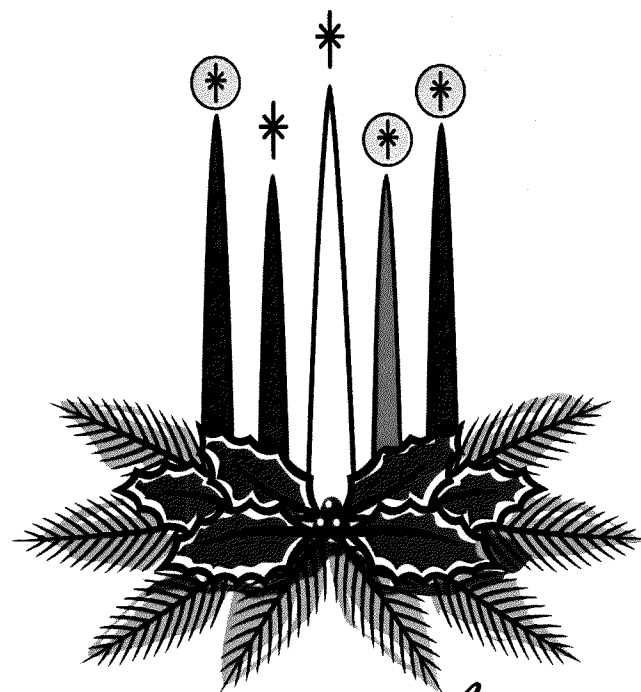
ADVENT ~ CHRISTMAS 2020

***Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020
10:00 AM ~ Worship Service***

***Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020
10:00 AM ~ Worship Service
3:00 PM ~ Virtual Service of Lessons and Carols***

***Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2020
3:00 PM ~ Video Release***

***First Sunday of Christmas
December 27, 2020
Virtual Worship Service Only***



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