

Order of Service for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Prelude "Gesu Bambino (The Infant Jesus)" arr. Mary Jean Simpson

Welcome

Call to Worship

We wait in joy for the coming of Jesus.

**We wait in gratitude for the coming of Christ.**

We wait in anticipation for God to come to us and do a new thing.

**We wait for a new heaven and a new earth.**

Hymn No. 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hebrew Scripture Lesson Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11 (pew bible pg.1157-59)

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

We are in the middle of our season of waiting. We relight the first two candles for Hope and Peace, and light the third one for Joy.

**Uplifting God, we open ourselves to hear your call today to become those who not only see the joy all around us, but also be the joy and bring joy to all in our lives, our families, our communities, and your creation. Fill us with your joy and light, make the world so calm and bright.**

Song "One Candle Is Lit"



Come sure - ly, Lord Je - sus, as dawn fol - lows night, our hearts long to  
Come quick - ly, sha - lom, teach us how to pre - pare for a gift that com -  
Come, fes - tive - ly sing while a - wait - ing the birth, join an - gels in



greet you, as ros - es, the light. Sal - va - tion, draw near us, our  
pels us with jus - tice to care. Our spir - its are rest - less till  
danc - ing from heav - en to earth. Wave ban - ners of good news, lift



vi - sion en - gage. One can - dle is lit for the hope of the age.  
sin and war cease. One can - dle is lit for the reign of God's peace.  
high thank - ful praise. One can - dle is lit for the joy of these days.

A Word for All Ages

Prayer of Our Savior

**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.**

Anthem "A Star Will Soon Shine" Don Besig

Gospel Lesson Luke 1:46-55 (pew bible pg. 1589)

Sermon

A Time for Silent Prayer

Response (*singing*)

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Bell Anthem "Impressions on an Advent Carol" Susan Ullom-Berns

Offering

Morning Prayers

Hymn No. 131 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Blessing

Postlude

### Upcoming Events:

- **Today at 2:45 p.m.** - Christmas Caroling! All ages, all voices welcome to join us in spreading Christmas cheer to residents of Daggett-Crandall-Newcomb Home and some of our at-home church members. Meet at TCC to receive the itinerary and caroling book.
- **December 24th at 10:00 a.m.** - Worship for the 4th Sunday of Advent
- **December 24th at 8:00 p.m.** - Family-friendly Christmas Eve candlelight service with special music from the choir and bell choir.

**Today's Greeters:** Barbara Janczunski, Deb Barac

**Today's Sunday School Volunteers:** Kristin Bourdony

**Flute:** Melanie Stewart

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- Use your mobile device by downloading the free Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app



### TCC Prayers and Blessings:

The family of Robert C. True, Jr., father of Rob True, on his passing.

Midge Crow; Paul Salvas; Jim Stewart; Becky McGrath; Karen Antonio; Pat Wedge; Mal Haskins; Margaret Blake; Richie Chiasson

To request an addition to TCC's Prayers and Blessings: [www.tccnorton.org/ministries/#weekly](http://www.tccnorton.org/ministries/#weekly)

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**Thank you for joining us today!**

