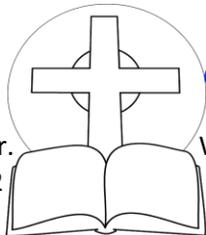


# Windsor Park United Church

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December 16, 2012

Third Sunday of Advent

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.  
All points marked \* those who are able are invited to stand.)

## Approach

Carol Sing (10:15 -10:25 am)

Opening

Children's Time / Lighting the Third Advent Candle

\* Response (MV #221)

**I am walking a path of joy (3x)  
Lead me home, lead me home.**

Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn VU #29 – *"Hark the Glad Sound"*

(children leave for Bible Adventures)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

**Giver of joy and laughter, we come to worship you. At this time of year we are drawn back to church. There is so much here that is familiar and comforting. We are greeted with smiles and hugs that remind us how valued we are. This church family is important. It provides a safe and welcoming place for us every time we come. There is so much we could say in this time of prayer. We admit that we often worry too much about things that aren't really important. Sometimes we get our priorities in life confused and neglect the people and values that truly matter to us. Good things happen to us and we should have shouted our thanks to you from the rooftops, but we didn't. Forgive us for not celebrating our faith, our church home and you, O God, as we should. Bless us with the wisdom and grace only Christ can give. AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

## The Word



Scripture Readings – Zephaniah 3: 14-20  
Philippians 4: 4-7

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

\* Hymn – *"O How Joyfully"* (see insert)

Meditation – *"Our loud and loving church family"*  
(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – *"An Advent Gospel"*

## The Response

Announcements

\* Offering / Response

**You shall be the path that guides us,  
You the light that in us burns;  
Shining deep within all people,  
Yours the love that we must learn,  
For our hearts shall wander restless  
Till they safe to you return;  
Finding you in one another,  
We shall all your face discern.**

Pastoral Prayer

\* Hymn VU #9 – *"People Look East"*

\* Benediction (VU #647)

**Travel on, travel on, there's a spirit that is playing,  
The spirit plays like music every day.  
Travel on, travel on, with the spirit that is playing,  
The spirit will be with us all the way.  
Travel on, travel on, with the music that is playing,  
The spirit will be with us all the way.**

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Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister    Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister  
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Greeters: Christine & Lloyd Smith  
Ushers: Jan & Guy Jeanson