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Baptism/3rd Sunday in 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

Gathering song VU #73– *“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”*

Lighting the Advent Candle

**Light a candle bright and tall
For the Joy this season brings;
Joy like fountains brimming full
Through our world now let it ring!
Shine within our hearts today
Come, O Joy to us, we pray.**

Call to Worship

One: We come to worship the one who proclaims good news to the poor, binds up the broken-hearted, frees the prisoner, and comforts those who mourn.

All: We come to worship Christ.

One: We come to worship the one who bestows a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy, instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

All: We come to worship Christ.

One: We come to worship the one who rebuilds ancient ruins and restores broken places.

All: We come to worship Christ, let us worship Christ.

* Opening Hymn VU #35 – *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Forgive us, Gracious God, we are a wandering people, who kneel before you now. A people who bring prayers and requests to your feet, when we have need of you and nowhere else to turn. We then go our own way when times are good and life is easy. Forgive us and draw us close, teach us your way that we might follow. Help us to walk in your company and know the joy of your presence in our lives from the moment we awake until we lay our heads to rest. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/Passing of the Peace

Hymn – The Spirit of the Lord – see insert

Baptism Liturgy – see insert

(kids go down for Bible Adventures after Baptism)

The Word



Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – “Joy to the World?”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – *“The King is Coming Soon”*

The Response

* Offering / Response

**May the Spirit of the Christ Child
show us how in love to live
For the joy and peace of Christmas
is for us to share and give.
May the story of God’s coming,
God with us – Emmanuel,
Fill the world with the light of Christmas
as in awe we do God’s will.**

Prayers of the People/Advent Lord’s Prayer – see insert

* Closing Hymn – *“Christmas Time”* – see insert

* Benediction / Commissioning

**Saviour, dwell with us that we may go forth, your light to be.
Send us out, good news to sing;
hope, peace, joy, and love to bring
God incarnate, with us dwell. Come, O come, Emmanuel.
Come, Lord Jesus, don’t delay;
shine your hope through us this day.
Saviour, dwell with us that we may go forth, your light to be.**

Patrick Woodbeck, Student Minister
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