



The People of God in Worship
December 15th, 2019
Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Third Sunday of Advent: JOY

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate, and place it in the collection plate. Welcome and thank you!

THE PRELUDE

Please consider the prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF JOY**

from Psalm 47

Leader: Clap your hands, all you nations!
People: XXXX XX
Leader: Shout to God with cries of JOY!
People: THE LORD MOST HIGH IS AWESOME!
Leader: God has risen up in the middle of our cries of joy,
People: the Lord enters with the sounds of trumpets!
Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises,
People: for God is King of all the earth!

***THE INVOCATION**

The Community

***ADVENT SONG** (printed in pew rack)

On This Day Earth Shall Ring
Verses 1, 2 and 3

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!
Reply: And also with you!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1-5

Leader: A word from God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 1:19-25

Leader: A word from God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Advent Cry

by Joseph Martin

**CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF COMMUNITY, THE MORNING
PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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*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 trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

***HYMN (printed)**

Emmanuel

THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Offertory Music

*Doxology - No. 815

Blessed Are They Who Wait for You

by David Foley

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

No Fear

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

***HYMN No. 270**

Joy to the World!

***THE BENEDICTION**

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Peakland Choir

Stewardship Emphasis:

The Third Sunday of Advent is the Sunday of Joy. We give in celebration of God's presence in our lives. We give in the joy of giving and offer back what has been freely given to us.

Prayer:

Lord, we happily give what we have for your work in the world. Amen.

