

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Prelude arr. Howard Helvey

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Introit *Come Let us Dream*

*Come, let us dream God's dream again
Come, one and all let us go to
the manger scene where those of old
saw God's new day on earth unfold.
The lame shall walk, the blind shall see,
the doors swing wide, all prisoners free,
the lowly raised, the proud brought low,
this is God's dream; let justice flow.*

Call to Worship Courtney Sievers

Leader: Come, let us dream God's dream again.

All: Come, one and all, let us go to the manger scene where those of old saw God's new day on earth unfold.

Leader: Come let us dream a dream of joy.

All: Let us journey to Bethlehem where joy is found as a new family is formed in the mystery of God's salvation.

Invocation Courtney Sievers

* Hymn of Praise 83 *Arise, Your Light is Come* FESTAL SONG

Lighting of the Joy Candle Marc Pendley and Sammy Rich

Leader: On the third Sunday of Advent, we light the rose colored candle. The rose color reminds us of the great joy the angels sang.

All: May we remember Advent is a season of celebration.

Advent Hymn *O Coming Lord* COMING LORD

*O coming Lord, thou Lord of Life, receive your bride, a holy wife.
From heav'n above you first were sent; fill us with joy on this Advent.
O coming Lord, O coming Lord, fill us with joy on this Advent.*

Children's Sermon Rev. Holly Hatton

Moment of Gratitude Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Choral Worship *My Soul Magnifies the Lord* John Purifoy

The Sanctuary Choir
Trudy Hatton, *soloist*

* Congregational Response *Doxology* VENI EMMANUEL

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore.
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen.***

Gospel Reading Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Luke 1:39-45
(page 885 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us . . .

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Mary's Mixed Up Timeline

Worship in Song *Holy is Your Name* IRISH MELODY

Courtney Pace, *soloist*
Roger Pace, *saxophone*

Prayers of the People Rev. Holly Hatton

The Lord's Prayer Rev. Holly Hatton

**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, forever. Amen.**

* Congregational Response 252 GLORIA PATRI

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***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.***

* Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Hymn of Response 108 *How Great Our Joy* JÜNGST

The Welcoming of New Members

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God's grace.

* Commission and Blessing Courtney Sievers

Leader: Come, let us dream God's dream again . . .

All: Come, let us dream a dream of joy.

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Postlude *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young

Aaron Foster, *organist*

Per the policy of FBC, masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times in the building. Thank you.

Today's worship participants are Courtney Sievers, Terry Hansard, Marc Pendley, Sammy Rich, Roger Pace, and Courtney Pace.

Harold Weaver is today's audio tech volunteer and Skip Howard is today's video recording volunteer.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Advent means "coming" or "arrival" and marks the beginning of the liturgical year. During this season we light a new Advent candle each week, read specially chosen scripture and count down the days until Christ's Birth, all in an effort to prepare our hearts for the coming Messiah.