



**December 11, 2022  
Advent 3**



**“To know Jesus and make Him known”**

**INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.  
Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.*

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10:00 a.m. **HOLY EUCHARIST (BAS)**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 110** “Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Lighting of the Third Advent Candle* Tune: Away in a Manger

**A Candle is burning, a candle of joy.  
A candle to welcome brave Mary’s new boy.  
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow  
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.**

**Sentence:** The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. *Isaiah 61.1*

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**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**All: God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**1ST READING – Isaiah 35:1-10**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
‘Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God’s people;  
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.  
No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader The word of the Lord  
**People Thanks be to God**

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(Please remain seated) **said responsively, alternating verses**

**2ND READING – James 5:7-10**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord  
**People Thanks be to God**

**GRADUAL HYMN # 270** Lamb of God, to Thee We Raise v.1-3

**THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 11:2-11** (All Stand)

**“Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.”**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.’

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.”

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

**“Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ”**

**GRADUAL HYMN # 270** Lamb of God, to Thee We Raise v. 4-6

**HOMILY** – The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Litany # 12 Advent)** Page 119  
Response: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

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**OFFERTORY HYMN # 91** People, Look East! The Time Is Near

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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**Preface of Advent** Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, Holy, Holy** (*sung*) CP #735

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**BREAKING OF BREAD # 5 (Advent)** Page 212

**Jesus, Lamb of God** (*sung*) CP #747

**Celebrant** Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
**All** **Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,**  
**Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

### Music during Communion

**HYMN # 57** Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist

**HYMN # 572** Let There Be Light

**HYMN # 63** Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All: Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of**

**our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

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### THE BLESSING

**RECESSIONAL HYMN # 154** Joy to the World

**Special Vestry** – Today immediately following the service. Please stay as we discuss two items.

1. Audited financial documents
2. Parochial Tribunal vacancy

### Upcoming Services

**December 18** – Advent 4 Lessons & Carols and Messy Church (4–6pm)

**Wed. December 21** – Blue Christmas (7pm)

**December 24** – Christmas Eve (7pm)

**December 25** – Christmas Day (10am) and Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner Dine-in: 4-6pm

Take out: Pre-order by Dec. 22. Pick up 1-2pm Dec. 25

Call (705) 324-4666 voice mail 9 to pre-order, or to offer to volunteer for the Christmas Dinner.

### Announcements

#### Need Gift Cards for Christmas presents or shopping?

Our church sells a variety of gift cards throughout the week in our office, or during refreshment time on Sunday mornings.

**Christmas Flowers:** If you would like to make a memorial donation of flowers in memory of a loved one for Christmas, please contact the office by Dec 21. Please indicate the name of your loved one on the envelope and mark it “ **Donation Christmas Flowers**”

**2023 Church Envelopes:** May be picked up at the back of the church.

