

3rd Sunday in Advent December 12, 2021 9:30am

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Welcome

Procession and Prelude

\*Call to Worship

One: The Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to his temple;  
The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight.  
Behold, he is coming. Rejoice greatly! Shout in triumph!

**All: Our King is coming; the righteous Savior, who shall speak  
peace to the nations.**

\*Opening Hymn "Good Christian Friends Rejoice"      No. 224

\*Advent Candle Lighting

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me  
will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

**All: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of  
Christ.**

*(Two purple candles and one pink candle are lit)*

One: I will lead the blind by a road they do not know, by the paths  
they have not known I will guide them.

**All: I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough  
places into level ground. These are the things I will do  
and I will not forsake them.**

One: The Lord says to his servant, "It is too light a thing that you  
should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to  
restore the survivors of Israel.

**All: I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation  
may reach to the ends of the earth."**

\*Opening Prayer

**Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love, and  
our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our  
longing for Christ, our Savior, and give us the strength to grow in  
love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his  
presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this  
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Reading      Philippians 4:4-7

\*Hymn      "Near to the Heart of God"      No. 472

Scripture Reading      John 3:7-18

Sermon      Don't Worry – Rejoice!      Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

\*Closing Hymn      "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"      No. 218

\*Benediction

**Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. If you would like  
one, please see an usher.**