

3rd Sunday in Advent December 13, 2020 10:00am

Gathering

Welcome

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 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" No. 64

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."

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Special Music -

Prayer of Invocation

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.

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Hymn of Preparation "I'm Gonna Sing..." No. 333

Scripture Reading John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon Rejoice Always Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 240

Blessing and Benediction

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