

Southminster Presbyterian Church



A Service for the Worship of God

**December 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
The Third Sunday of Advent**

PREPARATION

This Sunday, we will be lighting our third Advent candle, the candle of JOY. If you have made an Advent wreath, we invite you to light the first and second candles before we begin worship. Then, light the third candle at the same time that Janice and Ralph light it during the service.

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude

Jim Pera

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

Advent Song

Shine on us, O God of jus - tice;
Guide our path through gloom of
night; Bear with - in us
Wis - dom's glo - ry; Come to us, O
Christ the Light!

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

Janice and Ralph Young

Hymn # 82

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Prayer of Confession

Kate Scarpero

As Mary proclaims, your love is good news for the oppressed, O Lord, and you bind up the brokenhearted. Forgive us, O God, when we think that your good news is only for us. Forgive us, O God, when we twist your gospel into something that fits comfortably into our lives. Forgive us when we are so comfortable in an unjust world that we tell ourselves your commandments are just metaphors. Forgive us for ignoring your words that make us uncomfortable. By your light, help us see you leading us beyond ourselves and into the world you love. By your grace, forgive us, and free us to live fully the life you have called us to live, again.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession.) Amen.

Response to Forgiveness

“Gloria, Gloria”

Hymn 576

Canon (A) (B) Jacques Berthier, 1979
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
(C) (D)
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Passing of the Peace

Kate Scarpero

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Kate Scarpero

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

David Scarpero

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; God has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display God's glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for God has clothed me with the garments of salvation and has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Children's Time*Rev. Laura Nile Tuell & Caroline Adkins***Anthem**

“Come and Adore Him”
Small Vocal Ensemble

*arr. Joel Raney***Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said,
 “My soul magnifies the Lord,
 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
 for God has looked with favor on the lowliness of God's servant.
 Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
 and holy is God's name.
 God's mercy is for those who fear the Lord
 from generation to generation.
 God has shown strength with God's arm;
 God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
 The Lord has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
 and lifted up the lowly;
 God has filled the hungry with good things,
 and sent the rich away empty.
 God has helped God's servant Israel,
 in remembrance of God's mercy,
 according to the promise God made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Sermon**“The World Turned Upside Down”***Rev. Laura Nile Tuell***Responding to God's Word****Hymn #100**

“My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout”

omit verse 4

Presentation of Offerings

Dr. Rev. Nancy Birdsong

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Presentation Hymn # 607

“Doxology”

Inclusive Version

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn # 852

“When the Lord Redeems the Very Least”

omit verse 3

Benediction

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

Postlude

Jim Pera



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