



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019
11:00 a.m.

† Those who are able, please stand

Prelude "Prélude Solennel (Veni Emmanuel)" from An American Organ Mass
Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

Westminster Peal

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Introit "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Lighting the Advent Candle Finance Administration Team (FAMT)
Charlie Gray, John Allen,
Wit Truitt, Stan Williams

Without joy, we have no fulfillment to our lives.
As we continue the season of Advent,
we wait in joyful anticipation
of the happiness the Christ-child will bring to a world that needs it so desperately.
We seek to live as a people of joy
that share it with everyone we encounter,
to bless others with the happiness we have in Jesus Christ.
We light this candle to symbolize the joy we have in Christ's presence.
We gather to share this joy with one another.

† Hymn No. 12

"People, Look East"

BESANÇON

*We confess we are not the people you hope us to be, Advent God.
The very ones you favor, we too often ignore or ridicule.
The ones you knock off their pedestals, we admire and emulate.
We are so focused on having more and more, we risk being sent away empty.
Forgive us, Mighty God, and look with grace upon us.
We would live secure in your love; we would be the ones of peace for our world,
we would seek to do your will, as did Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
in whose name we pray...Silent Confession....Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Friends, believe the Good New of the Gospel.

All: *In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

† Response No. 23

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

† Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:46b-55

pg. 53

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"Magnifi-what?"

Rev. Abernethy

RESPONSE

† Hymn No. 2

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

† Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People...concluding with the Lord's Prayer

After each petition, Pastor will say "Lord, In Your Mercy."

Congregation will respond with "Hear Our 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.

Offering

Offertory

"Sweet Little Jesus Boy"
Antoine Jefferson, Bass

Robert MacGimsey (1898-1979)

† Doxology (#592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

** Please Wait for Pastor & Choir to Stand *
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

Elizabeth Small

SENDING

† Closing Hymn (see insert)

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

† Benediction

† Choral Response

"A Gaelic Blessing"

John Rutter

Congregational Meeting

† Postlude

"In dulci jubilo" BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



MVPC Mission Statement

Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service*.

As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do

As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community

As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles

Moved by the Spirit, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.

Upcoming Events:

December 22	11:00 a.m. (one service)	Lessons & Carols
	12:00 Noon	Reception for Elizabeth Small—KC
December 24	5:00 p.m.	Live Nativity
	5:30 p.m.	Candlelight Service
December 29	10:00 a.m. (one service)	Carols & Casseroles in Kirk Center
January 5, 2020	10:00 a.m. (one service)	Epiphany Service

Worship Participants for December 15, 2019

Pastor - Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Guest Organist - Dr. Kenneth Sass

Director of Music - Matthias Young

Liturgist - Elder Donna Martin



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