

The Worship of God

The Third Sunday of Advent | Joy

December 15, 2024 | 10:00a

Inspired by the bold and boundless hospitality of Jesus, we are "open to all," which means we welcome and accept all people into the life of our Church without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, age, economic status, political affiliation, physical or mental capacity, or religious belief. We believe that God's call is given to all people, and we embrace the Spirit that continues to cross boundaries in order to unite the world.

Childcare is available for birth – kindergarten in the childcare room located in the Cornwell Center (On upstairs level). Please see a greeter for more information.

Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.

Prelude

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist

"Partita on IN DULCI JUBILO"

James Vivian

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

*Opening Hymn

See page 6. HYFRYDOL

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus," verses 1, 2 and 4

*Lighting the Candle of Joy

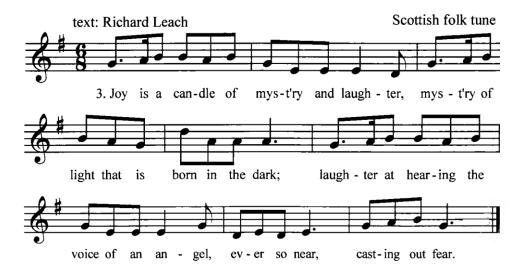
Nancy Culp, Janet and Mary Miller

Leader: "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For Io, I will come and dwell in your midst," says the Lord. "Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst. And you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you."

All: "Go, eat the fat and drink sweet wine. Send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared, and do not be grieved. For this day is holy and the joy of the Lord is our strength."

(Lighting the Candle of Joy.)

*Singing:



Welcome of Our Guests

Rev. Carrie Veal

If you are our guest today, please scan the QR code below so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.



^{*}Please rise in body or in spirit.

*Passing of the Peace

Gospel Reading - Luke 2:8-14 (NRSV)

Jenny Martella

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all on earth!"

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

At this time 1st – 5th graders are invited to leave for Children's Worship. They will exit at the front of the Sanctuary with Children's Worship leaders. Parents can pick up children from room 210 in the education building between 11-11:15.

Meditation Rev. Marina Luckhoo

Musical Reflection:

"Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi Chancel Choir, Chamber Orchestra and soloists: Madeline Olivera, McKenzie Coleman and Rev. Deborah Moore Clark

1. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

(Glory to God in the highest.)

2. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

(And on earth peace to men of good will.)

3. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.

(We praise thee, we bless thee, we adore thee, we glorify thee.)

4. Gratias agimus tibi.

(We give thanks to thee.)

5. Propter magnam gloriam tuam

(For thy great glory)

6. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens

(O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty)

7. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe

(O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ)

8. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, Rex caelestis, Domine Fili unigenite, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

(O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, heavenly King, only-begotten Son, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.)

- 9. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.

 (Who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.)
- Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
 (Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.)
- 11. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.

 (For thou only art holy, thou only art Lord, thou only art most high, Jesus Christ.)
- 12. Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris.

 (With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.)

 Amen

Church at Prayer Rev. Carrie Veal

The Lord's Prayer

Our God who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Sharon Doar, Deacon

You are invited to give by scanning the QR code below or dropping your offering in the plate.



Offertory

"Savior of Nations, Come"

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist

J .S. Bach

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures, here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts. Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Sharon Doar, Deacon

*Closing Hymn

"How Great Our Joy"

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Benediction J. Kevin Gray

Postlude

"Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organist Keith Chapman

If you are our guest today, please connect with a minister after worship and receive a Welcome bag.

Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann, Hannah Combs, Eric Roberts, and volunteers.

Chamber Orchestra: Martha Geissler, violin Jane Hart Brendle, violin Benjamin Geller, viola Mira Frisch, cello Gabriel Slesinger, trumpet Teil Taliesin, oboe

We are affiliated with allianceofbaptists.org 6 of Baptists



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Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as simple as filling out a Joining Card. To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Carrie Veal at cveal@myersparkbaptist.org



Verses 1, 2 and 4 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL Charles Wesley, 1744 Rowland H. Prichard, 1830 87 87 D arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906, alt. 1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy peo - ple free; to those who long to see Thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear; 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, He whose glo-ries knew no end; de - liv - er, born a child and yet 4. Born Thy peo - ple to King, from our fears and sins re - lease us; let find our rest Thee. us in come, Thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of Thy birth we long to hear! He brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend. His life born to reign in us for - ev - er, now Thy gra-cious king-dom bring. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth Thou art, O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of Leav-ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in cat - tle stall; By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; of eve - ry na - tion, joy of eve - ry long-ing heart. dear De - sire to Him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth." ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of by Thine own e - ter - nal mer - it, raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.



brought an an - gel bright.

hem a Child to - day. How great our joy! Great our shall re-deem us all. joy our hearts shall fill.





Our Covenant

We, the members of the Myers Park Baptist Church, are a people on a journey of faith. By God's grace we are experiencing love through Jesus Christ and in the community of the faithful. We are discovering in this experience our freedom to become new creatures and our responsibility to be faithful stewards of our lives and of this world.

We will be open to all new light, strengthened by God and each other in our faith. We will sustain a critical examination of Scripture, belief and ritual as interpreters of God's active presence in the world. We will accept controversy as a reality of life together and an opportunity for growth toward maturity. We covenant to be a community of God's New Creation and affirm that we are open to all and closed to none.

We covenant together to nurture this church as a community of faith and as an instrument for reconciliation in the world: by worship, by Christian education, by the dedication of our personal and material resources and by all the other ways we express the significance of our lives with God and one another.

We covenant together to be priests celebrating God's presence in community and in the world, believing we are participants in God's kingdom on Earth.

OUR MINISTERS

Rev. Carrie Veal

Associate Minister

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

J. Kevin Gray

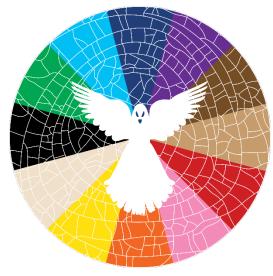
Minister of Music & Worship

Eva Bender

Chief Operating Officer

Rev. Marina Luckhoo

Interim Associate Minister



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