



Bethlehem Presbyterian Church
Welcomes you on this *Third Sunday of Advent*
December 13, 2020 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Rejoice in God's Presence

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH—SEE ADVENT WREATH LITURGY -third Sunday of Advent

Third Sunday: Joy Experienced and Shared

R: Rejoicing comes when we are at peace with others,

P: When we're encouraging the faint-hearted,

R: When we are helping the weak,

P: And being patient with our neighbor.

R: God of laughter, expand our joy and help us to share it in our communities this week. Amen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,

P: My soul shall be joyful in my God;

L: For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

P: He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

L: As the garden causes what is sown to spring forth,

P: So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth.

Hymn: Joy to the World

THE CHURCH CONFESSES

Call to Confession:

Now is the time to awake from sleep. Salvation is near!

Let us therefore confess our sins to receive God's grace.

Prayer of Confession:

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance.

We have broken your commandments.

We do not live in peace with your creation or your people.

We do not trust your Word.

Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise,

for the sake of the One who proclaims Good News,

your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

Assurance of Pardon: Gloria Patri

We Receive God's Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION / SCRIPTURE READING:

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

MESSAGE: Finding Jesus, Finding Joy

Hymn:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn:

*BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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