

December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Nancy Wolter and John Peters

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: Jesus was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being.

Leader: What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

People: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Leader: From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Let us praise God.

*Hymn of Praise

Celebration Hymnal No. 249

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Prayer of Invocation

**All praise be to you, Lord Jesus, because you are the Almighty Word of God!
All praise be to you, Lord Jesus, because you are the Word made flesh. You are Emmanuel, God with us!**

**All praise be to you, Lord Jesus, because you know what it's like to be human.
Thus we can turn to you with confidence, even in our weakness, doubt, and confusion.**

All praise be to you, Lord Jesus, because you have shown us the Father through your own life. Because of you, we know what God is truly like.

Scripture

John 1:14-18

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") 16 And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

Special Music

Ann Traver Saadah

Sermon

The Word Became Flesh

Brian Sampson

Hymn of Reflection

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

No. 407

Pastoral Prayer

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 of Going Forth

Joy to the World

Celebration Hymnal No. 270

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Emmanuel
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel,
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called, Emmanuel.

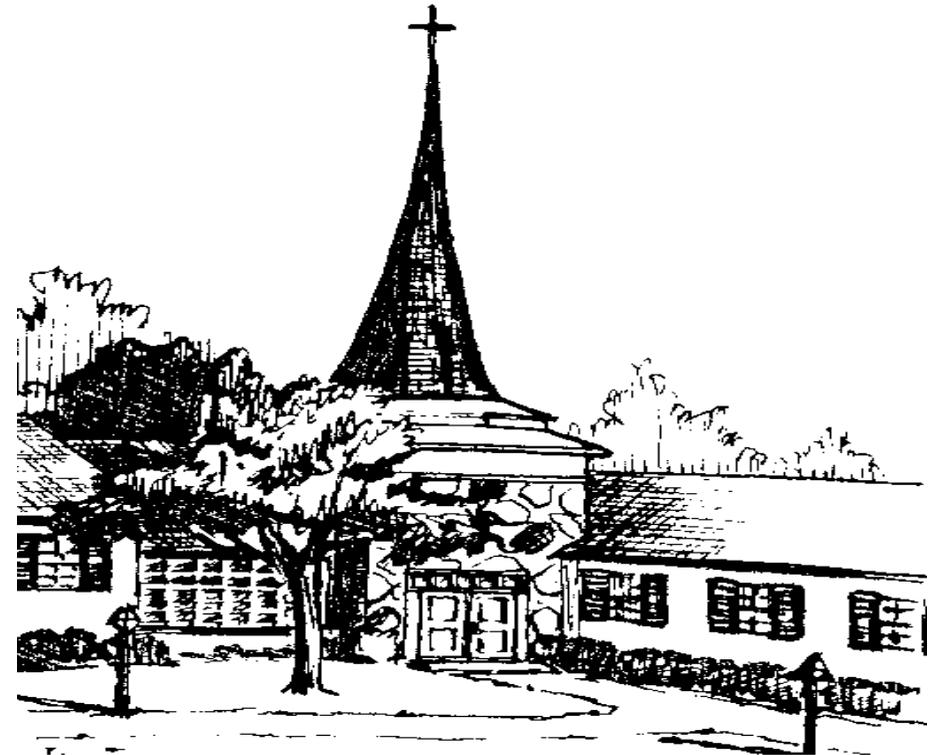
Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

Church Covenant

We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in ourselves and others a consciousness of our relationship and duties to God and each other; to create a spirit of love for truth, a passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service; to respect and protect all of God's creation. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with God and with each other to strive to express God's spirit in our individual and corporate life; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church, working, giving, praying for its increase, purity and peace, seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

WELCOME!



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