

December 16, 2018

10:00 am

Prelude

Let us turn our hearts and minds to a time of silent reflection and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Jay Carter and Ann Saadah

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We are ready, O Lord, to behold the presence of your Spirit.

ALL: We have gathered here to hear the good news and to receive your blessings with openness and joy!

ONE: **Be at peace with one another.**

ALL: Let this season be a time when love and wisdom prevail.

ONE: Open your hearts and souls to God's healing word.

ALL: Lord, touch our hearts. Teach us to patiently listen for your words of love and joy. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise "Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee" Celebration Hymnal No. 90

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

With our whole heart, our whole soul, our whole mind, with our whole strength and fortitude, with our whole understanding, with all our powers, with every effort, every affection, every feeling, every desire and wish, let us love the Lord God. Who has given and gives to each one of us our whole body, our whole soul and our whole life, Who has created, redeemed and will save us by His mercy alone, Who did and does everything good for us.

(From Advent and Christmas Wisdom. St. Francis of Assisi)

.Anthem

Old Testament Lesson

New Testament Lesson

Psalm 30:1-5 (NLT)
Romans 8:28-30 (NLT)

*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. Amen, Amen.

Sermon

"Don't Just Say It - Really Trust in Jesus!"

Rev. William Kren

Hymn of Reflection

"Isn't He?"

Celebration Hymnal No. 254

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.

Choral Response

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

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.

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn of Going Forth

"That Beautiful Name"

Celebration Hymnal No. 266

*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.

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 30:1-5 (NLT)

I will exalt you, LORD, for you rescued me. You refused to let my enemies triumph over me. ²O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you restored my health. ³You brought me up from the grave, O LORD. You kept me from falling into the pit of death.

⁴Sing to the LORD, all you godly ones! Praise his holy name. ⁵For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:28-30 (NLT)

²⁸And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. ²⁹For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.

The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMONNOTES

Dearborn Congregational Church

Rev. William Kren, Pastor

December 16, 2018 - Third Sunday of Advent

DON'T JUST SAY IT – REALLY TRUST IN JESUS!

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹²May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

1. WE REALLY TRUST IN HIS PRESENCE (1 Thessalonians 3:9)

2. WE REALLY TRUST IN HIS PREPARATION (1 Thessalonians 3:10)

3. WE REALLY TRUST IN HIS PURPOSE (1 Thessalonians 3:13)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 3:5-6