

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Those who are able are encouraged to stand.

PROCESSIONAL

“You are My Joy”

Combined Choirs

by Will Reagan

***HYMN #40**

“Joy to the World” vs 1,2,4

Chorus: Joy, unspeakable joy! An over flowing well; No tongue can tell.

Joy, unspeakable joy! It rises in my soul, never lets me go!

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Isaiah 2

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob

That he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - JOY

Rick & Deb Bard

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

This season is supposed to be so holy, God of Christmas, yet the din of sales pitches turns us into cynical grumps. As we drive down the streets, the decorations on all the houses keep us from seeing the loneliness of the widower and the strained faces of those who fear the future. We are so determined to find just the right gift or card which speaks of joy, we forget that you came so long ago to offer justice to those who have none.

Be patient with us, God of our hearts, as we struggle to speak for the voiceless, to walk with those who have lost their way, to let go of our certainty of what really happened so long ago, and listen to the songs of children which speak of that peace which really can bring reconciliation, of that grace which really can offer hope, of that love which really came to us that night in Bethlehem, in the birth of Jesus, our Brother, our Savior.

(A time for silent and personal prayer...)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Do not be afraid, but believe. Our God is here, opening our eyes to see that salvation which is ours approaching us in this season of Advent.

We join our voices in rejoicing in God who is our Savior. The One who calls us blessed, is the God who forgives us. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579** “Gloria Patri”

ANTHEM “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Ruth Elaine Schran and John Purifoy

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 126

OT Pg 572

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

NT Pg 1

SERMON

“Joseph: Self-Directed to Obedient”

Pastor Robbie Carnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN #36**

“In the Bleak Midwinter vs 1,2,4”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from the Belhar Confession

[The] unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another’s burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

OFFERING *Prayer Request Cards can be placed in the collection plate at this time*

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY *HYMN #22** “Angels from the Realms of Glory 4th verse”
*All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising, To the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD’S PRAYER**

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN #59** “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks vs 1,2,5,6”

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Let us journey into the world with our God,
to rebuild shattered hearts with hope.

Let us spend each day with Jesus,
mending brokenness with love.

Let us share our hearts with the Spirit,
so we may be present with those who are waiting for peace.

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***POSTLUDE**

Serving Today

Preaching: Pastor Robbie Carnes

Ushers: Team #5

Acolytes: Adlin & Bowen Moore

Banker: Debera Bard

Coffee Hour: Green Team

Counters: Lin Savage & Jennifer MacLean

Nursery & Preschool: 11:00am Heidi Howieson & Kelly Sunman-Davis

Gospel Project: Tina Ritchie



Fill Us All With
JOY