

Order of Worship
December 11, 2016 – 11:00 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Lighting The Candle of Joy:

Listen to the words of the prophet Isaiah 12:2-6 – “Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

*Hymn: “Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming” # 48

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in your light. We praise the high and mighty and look down upon the lowly. We have great faith in human efforts and little patience to wait for your way to be made clear to us. Forgive us; deliver us; strengthen our hearts by your Spirit, so that we may be ready to greet the Savior you send, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession Response: “**Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.**” # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

*Response “Gloria Patri” # 579

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon: “A Virus Worth Catching”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: “Once in Royal David’s City” # 49

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” # 44

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response: “Amen”