

**Order of the Worship Service
December 14, 2025, 10:00am
The Third Sunday of Advent
Praise and Family Sunday
John Welton, preaching**

Prelude

AWAY IN A MANGER; SILENT NIGHT
Children's Church Singers and Choir

Opening Antiphon

*O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Advent Candle Lighting

Welcome and Church Life

*Call to Worship

One: God calls us to lives of hope,

All: looking forward yet living now, working for God's kingdom to come.

One: God calls us to lives of peace,

All: All: acting on God's word in every moment, defying the world's tendency to violence.

One: God calls us to lives of joy,

All: founded in God's relationship with us, not in happiness or cheer.

One: God calls us to worship,

All: with hearts, hands, voices, and lives.

*Opening Song

CAROL OF THE BELLS
Praise Band

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, of light and love, we confess our lack of attention to the prophets and messengers you send. We confess that we do not keep our eyes peeled and our ears open to the ways that you are revealing yourself and announcing your message in our lives. We confess that we dismiss those who might be speaking for you who in our minds are not old enough, not educated enough, not refined enough. Open our hearts, our eyes, our ears, and our minds to watch and listen for your Word being proclaimed among us this day and always. Amen.

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, we can rejoice in the Lord! With an everlasting covenant sealed by love and mercy, God has clothed us with salvation. God has covered us with righteousness. The prophets have promised this good news:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Invitation to Children's Church

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Song of Preparation

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

Praise Band

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:46-56

Sermon

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Songs

JOY TO THE WORLD; JINGLE BELLS (FIRST VERSE ONLY)

*Blessing