



Lacey Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

December 13, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent

We're happy that you've joined us on Zoom to worship. We will be recording this service which will be shared on our website soon. If you do not wish to be seen on the recording, you may turn your video off.

Please keep your microphone muted throughout the service, unless invited to unmute and join others in conversation.

If you wish to view only the speaker during the service, be sure to click on the "View" button in the upper right corner, and toggle to "Speaker". If you'd like to see everyone in attendance, choose "Gallery".

Prelude

LPC Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir

Bethlehem Journey, arr. Linda R. Lamb <https://soundcloud.com/dj4tunes/bethlehem-journey>

Manger Medley arr. Lloyd Larsson <https://soundcloud.com/dj4tunes/manger-medley>

Welcome to Worship from Home

Pastor Shari

Advent Candle Lighting: The Candle of Joy

The Sumner Family
Darren, Christy, Joshua, Abigail, Micah

Opening Prayer

The Sumner Family

And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their
inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful

to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”

Call to Worship

Darren Sumner

One: My soul magnifies the Lord;

All: My spirit rejoices in God my savior.

One: The mighty One has done great things.

All: Holy is God's Name!

Come, let us worship the Lord.

A Song of Praise *“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”*

Good Christian friends rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Give ye heed to what we say
Jesus Christ is born today

Ox and ass before Him bow
And He is in the manger now
Christ is born today
Christ is born today

Good Christian friends rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye hear of endless bliss
Jesus Christ was born for this

He hath opened heaven's door
And we are blessed forevermore
Christ was born for this
Christ was born for this

Good Christian friends rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye need not fear the grave
Jesus Christ was born to save

Calls you one and calls you all
To gain the everlasting hall
Christ was born to save
Christ was born to save

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness 1 John 1: 8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Sharing The Peace of Christ With One Another

Pastor Shari

(You will have the option to join a small group in a breakout room, or stay in the main room.)

As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.
Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.
Then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, LORD,
like streams in the Negev.
Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.

Message “Those Who Dream Sow Joy”

Pastor Shari

Scripture Reflection Questions

In what way does Psalm 126 encourage you to harvest joy?

How might you share this joy with others?

Prayers of the People at the Table and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Shari

If you have a specific need or concern for which you would like to have someone pray, please email prayer@laceypres.org. Your request will be shared with the Care Team. If you wish to have someone call you, include your phone number. If you would prefer a written note, include your mailing address.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song for Sending "Joy to the World"

Joy to the world
the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth
the Savior reigns
Let us our songs employ

While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world
with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

Charge and Blessing from Luke 1:46-49

Pastor Shari

Survey Reminder: Please use the link provided to complete the Vital Congregations Survey online now.

Fellowship Time on Zoom will begin about 20 minutes after the worship service ends.

Use the same link that was given for the worship service today.

Join us in the main Zoom Fellowship Room TODAY surprise video to kick things off and then spend some time talking about the role of finding joy through musical experience! Also, it's a nice place to see church friends, chat and share what's going on in your lives.

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