

WORSHIP SERVICE
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 12, 2021
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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Largo

Vivaldi

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
As the Lord has promised, in days to come . . .

Third Sunday of Advent *Isa. 35:1*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

**like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.**

Introit

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v.3)

No. 88

***O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to the tribes on Sinai's height***

***in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

*Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name
of the most high God.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Trust and do not be afraid.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation. Hallelujah!

Amen.

HymnO Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

No. 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Call to Confession*Silent Confession*

Prayer of Confession

The Lord is near.

**in your presence, Holy God,
we confess that we need repentance.
We have broken your commands against idolatry.
We do not live in peace with your creation
or your people. We have not trusted your
word, and we are afraid.**

**Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise,
for the sake of the One who proclaims
the good news and for the sake of all
the world. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 3:7-18

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

And the Father will Dance

Hayes

Chancel Choir

And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves.
Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises of God?
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!
And He will joy over you in song; And He will joy over you in song.

My soul will make its boast in God, For He has answered all my cries,
His faithfulness in me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.
Awake my soul! Awake, my soul, and sing!
Let my spirit rejoice, Let my spirit rejoice, Let my spirit rejoice in God!

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart!
Cast away fear for you have been restored!
Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day.
Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song!

And He will joy over you in song; And He will joy over you in song.
And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves.
Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises of God?
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!
God rejoices over you, God rejoices over you, God rejoices over you in song!

Scripture Reading

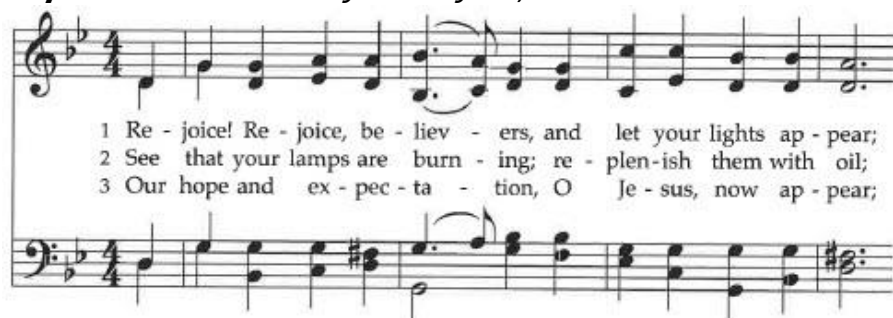
Zephaniah 3:14-20

Message*Canticles of Advent: Canticle of Zephaniah*

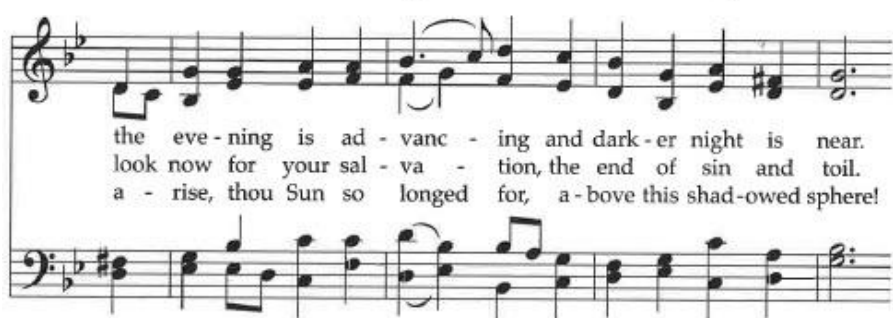
Paul Lang

HymnRejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

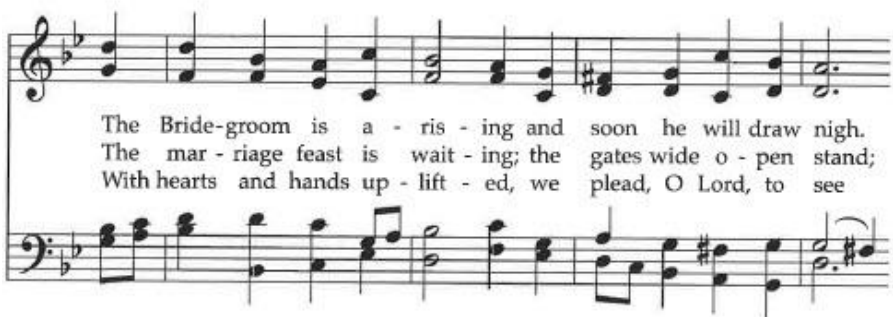
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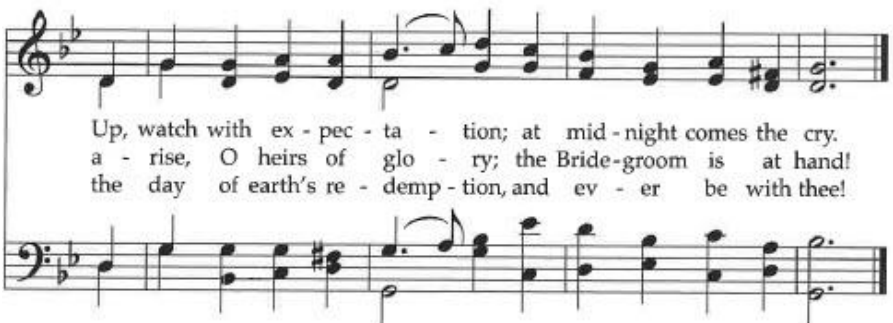
1 Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen-ish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.
a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.**

Time with Our Children

Jen Pierce

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Responding

Offering

Sending

*Hymn

We Will Go Out With Joy (vv. 1,2)

No. 539

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Leader

1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

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All

We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Blessing and Charge

*Response

We Will Go Out With Joy (v. 3)
(See previous hymn above)

No. 539

Sharing the Peace of Christ

You are invited to share Christ's peace with those around you.

Postlude

Toccata in E Minor

Pachelbel

Today's Worship Service Participants

Minister: Rev. Dr. Paul Lang, Kim Rubish

Music Director: Ed Yasick

Vocal Ensemble: Chancel Choir

Time With Our Children: Jen Pierce

Greeter: Cathy Williams

Ushers: Ellen Govert, LeNelle Patrick, and Jason Troiano

Tech: Alan Burton, Troy Burton Slides: Beth Cleveland

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THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, December 12	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Faith Formation Classes Worship Service Worship Service streamed live on CPC website and Facebook page Youth Group
Monday, December 13		Check Events on the CPC app, E-Link, and the CPC website for complete meeting updates, links and Zoom information as provided.
Tuesday, December 14		
Wednesday, December 15	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Wednesday Bible Study (Narthex) Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Bible & Beyond Class (Zoom)
Thursday, December 16		
Friday, December 17		
Saturday, December 18		
Sunday, December 19	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Faith Formation Classes Worship Service Worship Service streamed live on CPC website and Facebook page Youth Group

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 p.m. Family Worship Service (In Person & Online)

8:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols, with Communion
(In Person & Online)

