



Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Silent Night Blues"
"The First Noel"

Neil Moore
arr. Elizabeth Gaikwad

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Reader: The prophet Isaiah writes that in that day you will say,

Reader: "Surely God is my salvation. I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation."

Reader: With joy you will draw waters from the wells of salvation. *Isaiah 12:2-3*

Reader: We light this third Advent candle as a sign of that joy.

All Singing: 63 "My Soul in Stillness in Waits"
Choir singing verse 3, all singing refrain twice

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Give praise to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

All: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known in all the world.

Liturgist: Shout aloud and sing for joy people, people of God, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you. *Isaiah 12:4-6 adapted*

* **All Singing:** 78 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”
Singing verses 1, 2, and 3

* GOD’S GREETING

* GOD’S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing:** 100 “Jesus, the Light of the World”
Singing verses 1, 2, and 4

Reconciliation

Liturgist: The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.

All: He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Liturgist: His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”
Luke 3:15-17

All: Lord God, we forget our neighbor’s needs and do not love you above all else. We need a Savior. Help us to be ready for Jesus in our hearts, in our homes, and in our lives. O come, O come, Savior of the World.

Silent Confession and Reflection

Liturgist: The prophet Zephaniah announces this good news. “Sing, shout aloud. Be glad and rejoice with all your heart. The Lord, the King of Israel is with you; never again will you fear any harm.”

All: On that day they will say in Jerusalem, “Do not fear, do not let your hands hang limp. The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves.

Liturgist: He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”
Zephaniah 3:14-17 adapted

* **All Singing:** 81 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”
Singing verses 1 – 4

Children’s Christmas Pageant

INTRODUCTION & INVITATION

All: Lord God, help us to hear your voice today in scripture and song. As we recite your nativity help us to remember, worship, and follow in faithful obedience. In the voices of children and angels, in familiar hymns and new songs, in laughter and silence may you be honored, and the gospel of Jesus be proclaimed. Amen.

Children’s:
Choir “Welcome to Our World”

Tears are falling, hearts are breaking, how we need to hear from God
You’ve been promised, we’ve been waiting, welcome Holy Child

Hope that You don’t mind our manger, how I wish we could have known
But long-awaited Holy Stranger, make yourself at home

Bring your peace into our violence, bid our hungry souls be filled
Word now breaking Heaven’s silence, welcome to our world

Fragile finger sent to heal us, tender brow prepared for thorn
Tiny heart whose blood will save us, unto us is born

So wrap our injured flesh around you, breathe our air and walk our sod
Rob our sins and make us holy, perfect Son of God, welcome to our world

SCENE I: THE ANGEL COMES TO MARY

SCENE II: JOSEPH & MARY TRAVEL TO BETHLEHEM FOR THE BIRTH

Ensemble: "Wind Through the Olive Trees"

Wind through the olive trees, softly did blow
'Round little Bethlehem, long long ago.

Sheep on a hillside lay, whiter than snow
Shepherds were watching them, long long ago.

Then from the stary skies, angels bent low
Singing their song's of joy, long ago
Hallelujah, hallelujah, singing their song's of joy, long ago.

For in a manger bed, cradled we know
Christ came to Bethlehem, long long ago.

SCENE III: ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS

All Singing: 93 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"
Children singing verse 1 – all singing verses 2 and 3

SCENE IV: WISEMEN WORSHIP JESUS

* **All Singing: 86 "Away in a Manger"**
Children singing verse 1 – all standing to sing verses 2 and 3

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of
our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Grace in Garfield Park

OFFERTORY "Glorious" with "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Chrissy Ricker

* **All Singing: 78 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"**
Singing verse 4

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: 92 "Joy to the World"**

Postlude: "Joy to the World" arr. Joseph M. Martin

Worship Leaders

Prelude:	Karis Dykstra, Piano	Advent:	Van Wyngarden Family
	Moriah Dykstra, Flute	Liturgist:	Anne VanderWeele
Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Prayer:	Aron Reppmann
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg-Sims		
Vocalist / Violinist:	Bethany Keeley-Jonker		
Soloist:	Karis Dykstra		
Offertory:	Lydia Carlson		
Violinist:	Bruno Brumirski		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

Christmas Pageant

Pageant Director:	Marjie Coleman
Narrators:	Lillian Post, Chase Van Marion, Rowan Van Wyngarden

Pageant Participants

Iris Bosscher	Theodore Hillegonds	Gwen Quist
Dylan Brouwer	Adelaide Hofman	Reid Quist
Marin Bultema	Everly Hofman	Sylvie Roozeboom
Lydia Carlson	Layla Hofman	Elizabeth van den Brink
Clara Corstange	Molly Hughes	Colette Van Marion
Grace Corstange	Tyler Hughes	Beckham Van Wyngarden
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Rose De Wit	Vera Hulford	Anders Varghese
Isaiah Drenth	Elouise Keeley-Jonker	Ari Varghese
Nolan Drenth	Ellie Lydon	Cora Varghese
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