

## WORSHIP KIT 12-12-2021

**PRELUDE:** “He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd” .(from Messiah)..G.F. Handel

### THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

### THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: THE CANDLE OF JOY

Advent Candle Lighters—Ed & Bonnie Conrad

### CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” TWC 133 (v1)

### RESPONSIVE LITANY

Leader: The anticipation of this season of Advent grows stronger with each week. As we look forward to Jesus’ birth, our anticipation turns to pure JOY!

**People: God sacrificed His one and only Son, to come and live in human form that all will be saved! we**

Leader: Jesus’ birth in a humble stable was unexpected in a world expecting a King - little did they all know that He was King of all Kings! They were not expecting a Savior!

**People: Prophets called Him: Prince of Peace. Come to us Lord Jesus as we give our lives to You!**

Leader: On this third Sunday in Advent, we light the candle of JOY!  
Fill our hearts this day with that unspeakable JOY!

### \*OPENING HYMN: “Joy To The World! The Lord Is Come” TWC 146

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

To all whose lives seem like a desert wasteland, God invites: Come to the living waters. To all who feel they are wrestling with lions, God offers a refuge. The Judge who is standing before awaits our confession with compassion and the promise of healing.

### \*UNISON PRAYER

**God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your truth and your beauty, Father, forgive us, save us and help us. For turning to what is dirty and ugly, beastly and unsightly; Father, forgive us, save us and help us. For often approving of what is sinful and dark; Father, forgive us, save us and help us. For having no song to sing, no joy in our heart; Father, forgive us, save us and help us. For letting ourselves be drawn away from the beauty of the Gospel by temptations in the world around us; Father, forgive us, save us and help us. Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

## **SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION (pause)**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus! Jesus is the Prince of Peace and his atoning sacrifice, shed blood and third-day victory over death delivers divine peace to all who are penitent and contrite. Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I will say, rejoice.

### **\*THE GLORIA PATRI**

**TWC 805**

### **TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Song "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

**TWC 151**

### **1ST SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Isaiah 35**

**SOLO:** "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Regney and Shane

Vocalist: Philip Aley

### **2ND SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Luke 2:8-20, John 8:31-32,36**

**SERMON:** "The Road to Freedom "

**Pastor John G. Hamilton**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Apostle's Creed**

**\*HYMN:** " Good Christian Friends, Rejoice."

**TWC. 157**

### **CALL TO OFFERING**

God continues to lift up the lowly and to topple the powerful from their thrones. God judges us, not by worldly standards of greatness but according to the genuineness of our compassion and the extent of our faithfulness. Our offerings are one measure of our priorities.

**OFFERTORYMUSIC:** "Away In A Manger"

Cradle Song (Kirkpatrick)

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

**TWC 809**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Majestic God, thank you for inviting us to share the blessings you pour out on us. We want to extend the healing ministry of Jesus who gave sight to those who were blind and new insight to some who only pretend to see. Use our resources to heal attitudes as well as bodies, to bring wholeness, not just cures. Help us to address the inequities of the earth that leave so many without food or shelter or hope. Lead us into your realm in the midst of our daily living. Amen.

**\*HYMN** " Angels We Have Heard On High"

**TWC. 152**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

**“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”      TWC 840**

**\*POSTLUDE. “ Joy To The World”**

Handel, arr. Albin Whitworth.