

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 17, 2023

10:45 AM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JOY TO THE WORLD

Greeting:

Announcements

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle (Joy)

Preparation for Worship (Silent Prayer)

Prelude:

Call to Worship

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name."
Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.
Psalm 66:1-5

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation - Lord's Prayer

*Gloria Patri (No. 734)

*Hymn No. 195 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

Call to Confession: Isaiah 55:7

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the evil man his thoughts; Let him turn to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardons all that repent and truly turn to you; we humbly confess our sins and implore you for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart fervently; neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with you. Have mercy upon us now, Lord, according to your loving kindness; according to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and uphold us with your Spirit.

Private Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness: Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

People: Thanks Be to God!

*Hymn (Insert) *Joy Has Dawned* *Getty/Townend*

Offertory

*The Doxology (No. 731) and Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn No. 203 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Prayer of Supplication and Intercession

*Scripture Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25

Message:

Rev. McIntyre

*Hymn No. 207

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

*Benediction

*Response:

Threefold Amen

Postlude

***Standing**

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