

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

the first portion of Luke 1:68-75 "Zechariah's Song" (unison)

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us – to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Go Out as God's People in the World

✠ **Closing Hymn HoF #117:** "Joy to the World"

✠ **BENEDICTION:** by Pastor Janet

✠ **POSTLUDE** by Tracy (Yu) Qian

Following today's service please join us in the upstairs hall for coffee & conversation.



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Happy 3rd week of Advent!



Today's Worship Leaders:

Organist/Pianist: Tracy (Yu) Qian

Officer Assisting: Leslie Crawford

Advent Candles: Dave & Jean Johnson and Bob Peters

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

The Lord's Day Worship

December 12, 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Advent - Worship, 11am

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship.

If you need instructions, please seek assistance.

(Those not wanting to be seen on the video recording, please sit under the balcony.)

Hymnals: HB is "The Hymnbook" (burgundy) & HoF is "Hymns of Faith" (scarlet)

Gathering of God's People

After the chimes, please be in quiet reverence & silence cell phones.

3 RINGS OF THE STEEPLE BELL & CHIMES

WELCOME by Leslie Crawford, ruling elder over Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.)

PRELUDE by Tracy (Yu) Qian

CALL TO WORSHIP

with lighting of the ADVENT CANDLES OF HOPE, PEACE & JOY:

The Advent season continues by lighting the candles of hope, peace & joy. "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands." Isaiah 55:12

✠ stand as able

✠ **Opening Hymn HB #151:** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *(unison):*

Forgive us, Jesus, for times when we busy ourself with preparations with little thought of you. Help us instead to put all of our focus on you. *(Pause in silent confession.)*

✠ **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** *(responsively)*

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The Old life had gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

✠ **GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE:** *(unison)* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

✠ **CALL TO GOD'S WORD:** John 10:35 & Romans 4:3 *(unison)*
"Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?"

✠ **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:** *(unison)*

Lord, through your Spirit enable us to consider your Word, and to enact it in our lives to bring you glory and praise. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:57-80 N.T. pg. 1457-8

SERMON Takeaway: "Prepare the Way for Him"

by the Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford.

Response to God's Word

✠ **Hymn of Response HoF #170:** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

PRAYERS of JOYS & CONCERNS followed by **LORD'S PRAYER** *(unison)*

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.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP *(along with tithing, consider mission giving to The Look Up Center to help those impoverished in the area.)*

OFFERTORY to prayerfully consider giving in thankfulness

✠ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** *(unison)*

Jesus, in view of your mercy, we offer up thanks thru giving. Amen.

✠ **DOXOLOGY:** *(unison)* Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

