

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** “The Apostles’ Creed” (*unison*)  
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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!

## Go Out as God’s People in the World

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

*Dismissal of Sunday school youth, teachers, & assistants for after worship.*

✠ **BLESSING & CHARGE / VISION & MISSION** (*responsively*):

*To walk in the light of God;*

**making JESUS known is FIRST at First!**

*In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

✠ **POSTLUDE** by Meghan Lance

As led, please go to a station for **HEALING PRAYER**, either at the baptismal font or in the corresponding back corner of the sanctuary.

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



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### Today’s Worship Leaders:

Musicians: Meghan Lance and Kathy Wallace

Officer Assisting: Leslie Crawford

Advent Candles: The Horn Family

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

# The Lord's Day Worship

December 11, 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**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*

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† **Opening Hymn HB #151, tune 1:** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** based on Psalm 23 (unison):

*(Pause in silent confession.)*

**Correct and comfort us with your rod and staff, O Lord, Our Shepherd.**

**Set us on right paths for your name's sake. Make us to lie down.**

**Forgive our sin and change our hearts. Amen.**

† **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 has 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)

**SCRIPTURE:** Revelation 7:9-17 N.T. pg. 1754-5

**SERMON Takeaway: "Wipe Away Every Tear"**  
by the Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford.

## Response to God's Word

† **Hymn of Response HoF #130:** "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**

**OFFERTORY** to prayerfully consider giving in thankfulness.

*(Receptacles for offerings are found at each exit.)*

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **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.