

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 15, 2024 11:00am

Third Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

“The Birthday of a King”

Neidlinger

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRESENTATION OF PINS TO VIETNAM WAR VETS

Rev. Dr. Thaddeus Siegel

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

***INTROIT #243**

“Emmanuel”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Jeff Potter, reading

Dave Stewart, lighting the candles

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Zephaniah 3:17)

Leader: The Lord our God is in our midst.

People: He will rejoice over us with gladness; He will quiet us by His love.

Leader: He will exult over us with loud singing.

People: Let us worship God and praise Him with song.

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

O God of salvation, you put a glad song on our lips; for in you we can trust and not be afraid. In Christ is announced our source of deliverance. Through him the lame walk and the outcast are praised. Soon you will gather your people for a festival of salvation; we assemble now in Christ's name to rejoice and boast of your goodness.

***OPENING HYMN #278**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

As John the Baptist called the people to repent, so Jesus calls us now. We turn to the one who is both judge and savior; trusting that repentance opens the door to new life, and that peace beyond all measure has been promised to us. Let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

O God, you have taught us to be patient and promised to supply our needs. Yet we grow weary of waiting and restless with our wants. We blame our troubles on brothers and sisters, withholding from them the tolerance and care you have shown to us. O God, forgive our indulgence and help us to stand firm. In Christ you showed patience with the world in spite of the cross. Teach us to be patient, that in Christ we may have endurance in spite of our need.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may your Holy Spirit rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 12: 2-6

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CHORAL ANTHEM

“Hurry, Hurry Now to Bethlehem”

Kauffman

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1: 46-55

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SERMON

“My Spirit Rejoices”

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** hymnal, back cover

***HYMN #281**

“What Child Is This?”

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND
THE LORD’S PRAYER**

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS #641

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY**

“Noel in G”

Daquin

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN #258**

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

SEE SCREEN

“Go Now in Peace”

***POSTLUDE**

“Celebrate Christ's Coming With Joy”

Koury

*Please stand, if you are able.

