

December 12th, 2021
3rd Sunday of Advent
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Mary Did You Know

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Star Child #2095

SILENT PRAYER

***HYMN:** O Come, All Ye Faithful #234

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** #2090 (vs 3)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Love has come down to us this Advent Season.

P: Divine love which heals and transforms our lives.

L: With great joy, we receive that love and share it with others.

P: We open our hearts to all God's children, including the last, the least, and the lost.

L: God has done and continues to do great things for us.

P: Praise be to God who loves us so much and who challenges us to be people of joy in this darkened world. AMEN.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Loving, gracious God, while we wait and watch, we long for you. We want to draw nearer to you. We yearn for the presence of the promised one. In our anxious wanting, calm our desire with your peace and grace. In your precious name we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Luke 3:7-18

***HYMN:** Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

***HYMN:** Angels We Have Heard on High

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Shine, Jesus Shine

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*
