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THIRD SUNDAY OF

ADVENT

11:00 a.m. Worship
December 17, 2017
Third Sunday of Advent – JOY

The altar is open for personal prayer time prior to the service.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *While By My Sheep* Leslye Ames

Invocation

Call to Worship Chancel Choir

***Hymn of Praise** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* **240**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Aldridge Family
(please see the bulletin insert)

Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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. *means universal*

***Gloria Patri**

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.

Joys and Concerns

Moment of Silence

We light this candle to signify our prayers for those involved in armed conflict around the world. We lift up those we know and love serving in the United States Armed Services and we recognize God's call to pray for our enemies. We ask for God's peace and wholeness to illuminate every darkness. We join together in a moment of silence and invite you to lift up your prayers on behalf of our community, nation, and world.

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Choral Prayer Response Chancel Choir

Hymn of Preparation *What Child is This?* **219**

Children's Moment

(all children are invited to Children's Church afterwards, to join Hillary in a special Advent study)

Offertory *What Can I Give Him?* Chancel Choir

***Prayer of Praise**

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.

***Scripture** **John 1:6-8**

Sermon *True Light* Rev. Dric Williford

***Hymn of Invitation** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* **224 (v. 1 & 3)**

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Angels We Have Heard on High* Leslye Ames

**Stand as you are able*

Lay Reader: Don Bryant
Acolytes: Aldridge Family