

**\*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

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

**224 (v. 1 & 3)**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Song**

***On Eagle's Wings***

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.*

**\*Postlude**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Leslye Ames

\*Stand as you are able.

**Lay Reader:** Karen Cunningham

***Commit . . . Connect . . . Engage . . .***

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**8:30 a.m. Worship**  
**December 17, 2017**  
**Third Sunday of Advent - JOY**

*The altar is open for personal prayer time prior to the beginning of our service.*

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Leslye Ames

**\*Invocation**

**\*Theme Song** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

**\*Greeting Time**

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

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

**\*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

**Joys and Concerns**

**Moment of Silence**

We light this candle to signify our prayers for those involved in armed conflict around the world. 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.*

**Congregational Singing**

*Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you.

*\*What Child is This?*

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

*Refrain:* This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

**Children's Moment**

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

**Offertory** *Where Else Would a Lamb Be Born?* Tommy Lawrence