



December 16, 2018 11:15 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Passing the Peace

Song #105

“People, Look East”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Maura Curran

We have lit the candles for peace and hope.

Today we light the candle of joy.

Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us,
but joy is also an attitude we choose.

Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised.

So today we open ourselves to joy,

trusting that God has already planted it within us.

We will nurture our joy and share it with others.

Song #85

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

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Advent Prayer

**Loving God, we open ourselves to you,
trusting that you create us for joy-filled lives.**

Show us the creative power of hope.

Teach us the peace that comes from justice.

**Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained,
but must be shared.**

**Prepare our lives to be transformed,
so that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

Response #91

“Come, Come Emmanuel”

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7

Jeff Argus, Lay Reader

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

Message

Greg Jones

Song #100 “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

Offering

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Song #382 “Heaven Is Singing for Joy”

Sending

Song #80 “You Shall Go Out with Joy”

*Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room
for coffee, tea, and fellowship.*

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is held at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day. The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lu Currin by Roland and Mary Lu Pamm.

Please remember in your prayers Joyce Ruston who was recently hospitalized.

Children are welcome in worship. You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

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