

Let there
be JOY

A red handprint is positioned to the right of the text. The palm of the hand is facing forward and contains a white starburst or spark-like graphic.

December 17, 2017 11:15 a.m.
3rd Sunday in Advent

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Gathering Song #744 “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Conversations with God

By Sarah Are
Sophia Malatesta, Lay Reader

Song #382 “Heaven Is Singing for Joy”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Emily Geno

Song #91 “Come, Come Emmanuel”

We have lighted 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 #91 “Come, Come Emmanuel”

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,
that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

Scripture

Psalm 126

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Song #107 “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”
Verses 1 & 2

Message “Shouts (or at least whispers) of Joy” Greg Jones

Song #107 “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”
Verses 3 & 4

Offering

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

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Song #628 “Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord”

Sending

Song #80

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

*Following worship, please join us in Community Hall for the
pizza luncheon and Christmas Caroling.*

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. Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane, Ann and Jay by the Kline and Spilecki families.

Please remember in your prayers Fred Carspecken.

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

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