

# THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

December 17, 2017

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 a.m.

*We believe that worship is essential to our faith. When we gather, we gather in the midst of God. His Spirit inspires us and directs our fellowship with each other and with Him. May you find the joy of God's love and grace as we share this time together.*

***We would also ask that in consideration of other worshipers, please turn off, or switch to silent mode, all paging and cellular devices. Hearing Assistance devices are available from any usher.***

WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS and MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Dennis and Barbara Benfer

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 12  
New Testament Reading - I Thessalonians 5:16-24

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

INVOCATION

Matt Wilson

\*HYMN NO. 76

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

WHITE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

*During this hymn, we ask that all class representatives bring their White Christmas items to the altar area and place in the basket*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Julie Blink

OFFERTORY

*Carol of Joy*

arr. Rouse

\*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

*Doxology*

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## *Sing Joy to All the World*

*A Christmas Celebration  
By Lloyd Larson*

*Tidings of Comfort and Joy*

Narration

*A Light Shall Shine*

Narration

*Prepare the Way!*

Narration

*David's Royal City*

Narration

*Glory in the Highest!*

Narration

*Joy of Every Longing Heart*

Narration

*Worship Christ, the Newborn King*

Narration

*Sing Joy to all the World*

BENEDICTION

Jeff Allen

POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able are asked to stand.

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### Today

9:00 a.m.  
9:45  
11:00  
4:30 p.m.  
6:00  
7:00

### Tuesday

10:00 a.m.  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
7:30 - 9:00

### Wednesday

### Thursday

11:30 a.m.  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
6:30  
7:30

### Friday

### Saturday

7:00 a.m.

Re:Creation Worship Service  
Sunday School  
Morning Worship  
Youth Choir  
Dodgeball - Gym  
Handbells

Grace Notes to Forest Heights  
Intermediate Boys Basketball  
Senior Boys Basketball

No Family Night

College Parkers- Smith Hall  
Girls Basketball  
Tone & Stretch  
APB Rehearsal

Office Closed

A Men's Bible Study



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Associate Pastor of Students & Families  
Associate Pastor of Music & Education  
Minister of Senior Adults and Family Recreation  
Pastor Emeritus  
Pianist  
Deacon of the Week

*All Believers*  
*Rev. Ramon E. Smith*  
*Rev. Jeff Allen*  
*Rev. Mary Keltner*  
*Rev. Matt Wilson*  
*Dr. Charles D. Edwards*  
*Teresa Hill*  
*Julie Blink*

*Joy*

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Oboe        Joanna Porter  
Horn        Jacob Andrews  
Trumpet    Tanner Morrison  
Narrators: Earl Parker  
              N'Earl Godwin

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