

December 13th, 2020 Advent 3: Joy

Worship Link: https://youtu.be/1I8qi4_JdTE

PRELUDE:

CAROL SING:

Jingle Bells

- ♫ Dashing through the snow on a one-horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way;
Bells on bob-tail ring, making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight
O, jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way!
O what fun it is to ride, in a one-horse open sleigh HEY!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
O what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!

#138 *While Shepherds Watched* (vs 1, 2 & 6)

by Nahum Tate

- ♫ While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.
“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind;
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you all humankind.”
All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace.
Goodwill henceforth from heav'n to earth begin and never cease.”

#146 *Angels from the realms of glory* (vs 1&2)

by James Montgomery

- ♫ Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come & worship, come & worship; worship Christ, the newborn King.
Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night:
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light.
Come & worship, come & worship; worship Christ, the newborn King.

LIGHTING OF THE 3rd ADVENT CANDLE: Joy (Led by Doug & Elspeth Orr)

- (Our advent liturgy is provided by the Presbyterian Church in Canada and attached in your email – this year written by TPC former minister Rev. Kristine O'Brien!! Please join in reading as: “The People” as the words are on the screen or print out the attachment)

Sung Response: #119 (vs 3)

by Brian Wren

- ♫ Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn leading us on til the morning is bright.
Refrain: When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

OFFERING: Iain McNicol

Still Still Still (played by Andrew Parkin)

PRAYER: Refrain: #122 O Come Emmanuel (chorus)

Latin 13th century

♫ **Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.**

Let us pray...Loving God, receive all the gifts we would bring you....

♫ **Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.**

O God, in these times we pray you may help us to see how we can reach out

♫ **Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.**

We come today as we near a very different Christmas season....

♫ **Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.**

SCRIPTURE: Luke angel readings (various verses Luke 1 &2) (reader: Rhodes Arnold)

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *God who greets us*

HYMN: #153 *Joy to the world (vs 1&4)*

by Isaac Watts

♫ Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive its King;
Let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

♫ He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

Long ago, prophets knew

Link: *Be not Afraid* (Catholic Virtual Choir):

<https://youtu.be/RF0DlpFOoBg>

