

First Presbyterian Church Kasson, MN
Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

10:00 a.m.

We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

Organ plays for a time of silent meditation.

Choral Introit

***Call to Worship**

Ann Riggs, Liturgist

L: When we struggle to see God's plan for our lives,

C: Lord, turn my anxiety into joy.

L: When we wander from the path of compassion,

C: Lord, help us turn to you with joy.

L: When we feel alone, helpless and confused,

C: Lord, may we always rejoice in you.

*Hymn No. 41

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Prayer of Confession (in Unison)

Merciful God, are lives are so busy that we have little time to hear your Good News. We look for easy answers to complex problems. We set aside a day or two to celebrate your love for us. We find joy in homes and food and families, but miss the joy of your Son, Jesus. Forgive and help us seek true joy every day of our lives. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

* Words of Assurance (in Unison)

Only God can give us true joy. God's love and grace are never ending. God is our strength and our salvation, and our joy forever.

* Gloria Patri Hymn No. 579

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Bill and Roma Stromme

“Come Child of Joy”

Choir

We are Inspired by God

* Hymn No. 2233 “Where Children Belong”

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Children's Time

Anthem

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”
Lloyd Larson

Scriptures

Isaiah 12:1-6

(OT pg. 785)

Luke 3:7-18

(NT pg.73)

Sermon

“John, the Harbinger”

* Hymn No. 40

“Joy to the World!”

We Respond to God

Prayer Requests

Choral Call to Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Amen No. 570

Call for Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication (in Unison)

Generous God, as you have given us life and joy, let us be a light of good news to the world. Bless our lives to your use. Help us find the joy of giving to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* Hymn No. 464

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*Benediction

*Dismissal Hymn No. 2241 (4th verse)

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

“Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.”

*Postlude

**Sunday School and Confirmation 9:00 am, Worship at 10:00 am
Fellowship at 11:00
Office hours W & F 8-12 .
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Bulletin submission deadline 8:00 am Wednesdays.

NAMI meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

No Sunday School December 23rd or 30th.

The Congregational annual meeting is scheduled for January 20th. All committee reports are due on Janet's desk January 8th.

Thanks to all who contributed poinsettia memorials. What a beautiful tribute to those being remembered.

The newsletter deadline is December 26th at 8:00 am.

Please plan to attend our church Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5:30 pm. The Cantata "The Glory of Christmas" by Lloyd Larson will be performed by the choir. It will include costumed pageantry and many familiar carols.

No Choir practice Wednesday, December 24th.

Thank you to Rev. Charlie Talcott for leading us in worship today.