

December 13, 2020

11:15a Service



3rd Sunday of Advent

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (TLB)

PRE-SERVICE HYMN SING

#496 Sweet Hour of Prayer #454 Open My Eyes that I May See
#238 Angels We Have Heard on High

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE

HISTORY MOMENT & VIDEO

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

The Iannuzzi Family

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 1:1-4 (CEB)

1 In the past, God spoke through the prophets to our ancestors in many times and many ways. 2 In these final days, though, he spoke to us through a Son. God made his Son the heir of everything and created the world through him. 3 The Son is the light of God's glory and the imprint of God's being. He maintains everything with his powerful message. After he carried out the cleansing of people from their sins, he sat down at the right side of the highest majesty. 4 And the Son became so much greater than the other messengers, such as angels, that he received a more important title than theirs.

ADVENT HYMN "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs. 2) **211**

HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory" **220**

OPENING PRAYER

Father, help us remember that the good news of Jesus' birth has the power to bring us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy doesn't come from our jobs, our family, our relationships, our finances, or our success. It doesn't depend on the gifts we give or the gifts we find under the tree. Our joy comes from you. That joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing. Father, you offer that same joy to us now and give us a reason to celebrate the unspeakable gift of Jesus Christ. You came to dwell among us. You went to Calvary's cross for us. You overcame death and rose from the dead for us. You forgive our sins and give us eternal life when we believe in you. Our joy is encompassed in our Savior, King Jesus. Flood our heart with joy this Advent season as we reflect on the good news of Jesus' birth. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 61:1-7 (MSG)

SERMON "Immanuel 2020"

Rev. Rusty Belcher

The Gift of Joy Advent 3

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 7. 1-9, 10-17 (NIV)

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" **218**

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