

“The warmth and joy of Christmas, brings us closer to each other.”

~ Emily Matthews

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Tom Romspert, (8:00) and Ron Cookson (9:30), Worship Assistants

December 16, 2012

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Chris Lewis (9:30)

Welcome & Greeting One Another

(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the aisle. Stand and greet the people around you and welcome them into our circle of faith today.)

*Opening Hymn “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” 224

*Opening Act of Advent Worship The Lighting of the Advent Candle

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT – JOY Dolores Chemey & Grandchildren (8:00)
The Cookson Family (9:30)

FIRST READER: This is the third Sunday in Advent. Today, we light the first 2 purple candles. The first Sunday, we lit the candle of Hope. On the second Sunday, we lit the candle of Love. Today, we also light the candle of Joy. One thing that sometimes happens as we get ready to celebrate Jesus’ birth is that we expect to be happy all the time. Joy is not the same as happy. Joy is a deeper feeling created by knowing that God cares for us. Joy is remembering that God sent Jesus so we would always know of God’s care. During Advent, we pray that we may remember again God’s gift of Jesus to the world and know the joy that gift brings to all people. *(Light the first, second purple candles and then the third (pink) candle).*

ALL: Sing 1st verse: “Joy to the World”, (p. 246)

PRAYER: ***Dear God: Thank You for Your son, Jesus. Thank You for the joy remembering Jesus’ birth brings to us today. Help us live in such a way that our words and our actions help others know of the joy You give. Amen.***

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠ Prayers of the People

✠ The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Chris Lewis (9:30)

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

God of grace and love, You have asked of us so little and given so much, and we have too often missed the imbalance of our relationship with You. You have given us life and breath and the resources to meet every need, and You have asked only that we be fruitful and faithful, compassionate and just. We give our gifts this morning as a sign of our striving toward that combination of fruitful and faithful, and we do so in repentance for the many times when we have fallen short in the little that You have required. Dedicate these gifts to help build the Kingdom that is Your vision, not ours. Help us to celebrate this season as Christ would have us celebrate it: in love, kindness, joy, and gratitude. In Your Son’s holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn “Rejoice, the Lord is King” 715

The Scripture Lesson Philippians 4: 4-7 (p. 832 in the pew Bible)

The Message ***“Fugetta About It!”*** Pastor Lutz

*Closing Hymn “Love Came Down at Christmas” 242

*Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” 881

*Benediction

Postlude

**If able, please stand to worship God*

We welcome YOU to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting our church for the first time, we extend you a special greeting. (Please inform us of your complete name and address on the Fellowship Pad or in the Guest Book.) We invite you to enter into our worship wholeheartedly. Sing out! Listen intently to God’s Word! Be open to promptings of the Holy Spirit! And after the service, give us a chance to talk with you and invite you back! We look forward to your worshipping with us again.

ABOUT THIS WORSHIP SERVICE ...

Altar Flowers today are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Earl Transue Sr. & Blanche H. VanSant, by Earl & Lola Transue; and also In Memory of Winifred Hewitt MacKay.

Morning Greeters today are, at the 8:00 service, Gary & Anne Kinsey; and at the 9:30 service, Vic & Ruth Campo.

Ushers today at the 8:00 service are Tim Eick & Tom Romspert; and at the 9:30 service, Hugh & Julie Green.

Acolyte this morning is Alaina O'Neill.

Prayer Chain No. 3 is in effect this week. Please call Tim Eick, 215-945-8789, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

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Worship Services

Traditional

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Contemporary

11:00 a.m.

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