



# The Third Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 13, 2020

**Invitation to Worship** .....Christian Johns, Youth Minister

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

~1 Corinthians 13:13

**Instrumental Prelude** ..... Joseph Fuller, Pianist

## *Lighting the Third Candle of Advent*

Brandt, Cheyanne, Benton & Ford Leibe

### ***One Small Child***

Brittane Lewis Venson, Soloist

**Morning Prayer**

**Song of Joy**

### ***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem!

Come and behold Him,  
born the King of Angels!

### ***Chorus***

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,

O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

### ***Chorus***

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing!

### ***Chorus***

**Words of Welcome**..... Greg Stahl, Assoc Pastor for Worship & Music

## Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

### ***Chorus:***

Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo!  
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Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly song?

### ***Chorus***

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

### ***Chorus***

See Him in a manger laid,  
whom the choirs of angels praise.  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise.

### ***Chorus***

### ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King:  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

### ***Chorus:***

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King"  
Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,

offspring of a Virgin's womb:  
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel.

***Chorus***

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.

***Chorus***

**Lessons from Scripture** ..... Christian Johns

**1 Corinthians 13**

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

**Song of Love**

***God's Love Made Visible***

God's love made visible! Incomprehensible!  
Christ is invincible! His love shall reign!  
From love so bountiful, blessings uncountable  
make death surmountable! His love shall reign!  
Joyfully pray for peace and good will!  
All of our yearning he will fulfill.

Live in a loving way! Praise him for every day!  
Open your hearts and pray. His love shall reign!

God gave the Son to us to dwell as one of us –  
a blessing unto us! His love shall reign!  
To him all honor bring, heaven and earth will sing,  
praising our Lord and King! His love shall reign!  
Open all doors this day of his birth,  
all of good will inherit the earth.  
His star will always be guiding humanity  
throughout eternity! His love shall reign!

**Choral Worship** ..... ROBC Choral Ensemble

***Love Came Down at Christmas***

words by Christina Rossetti and music by Howard Helvey

**Sermon** ..... Dr. Brian Brewer, Interim Pastor

***The First Christmas Carol***  
**Psalm 89:1-4; Luke 1:26-38**

**Closing Song**

***Emmanuel***

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us;  
His name is called Emmanuel.

**Benediction** ..... Greg Stahl