

# Third Sunday of Advent

## Traditional Worship Service

The Gathering 11:15 a.m.

Date: December 13, 2015

- *Childcare is available for children 5 and under downstairs in the nursery.*
- *Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please ask one of the ushers.*
- *Please write PRAYERS on a prayer paper and place in the offering plate as it is passed.*

### Welcome to Worship

\* indicates please rise in body or spirit

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### Introduction to Worship and Prayer

Prelude "All is Well" Arr. by Hayes

### Bringing in the Light of Christ

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Chris Tarman & Tonia Hajjar

### \*Hymn of Praise

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #218 Hymnal (vv. 1, 3-4)  
*(Children are invited to move up front for the Children's Gathering on last verse.)*

The Children's Gathering *(Please Pass Attendance Pads)*

"Come, Little Children" #3055 Green Song Book (v. 2)

Ministry of Music "Listen Here, Listen Here" By Althouse  
Sounds of Faith

Prayer of Illumination In Unison, On Screen

\*Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-45 #1588 Pew Bible

**Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.**

**People: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

\*"Gloria Patri" #70 Hymnal

Sermon: "Journey through Advent: Mary's Visit to Elizabeth"

Pastor Steve Reinhard

(Message Notes are included on the back of the bulletin)

### A Time of Reflection on the Word of God

\*Affirmation of Faith On Screen

\*Hymn of Dedication "In the Bleak Midwinter" #221 Hymnal (vv. 1, 3-4)

### Offering of our Gifts and Lives

- *Whether making a donation or not, EVERYONE is invited to touch the offering plates, offering a prayer to give ourselves to God in heart, soul, mind and strength.*

Offertory "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" Arr. by Rice

\*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #94 Hymnal

\*Dedication of Our Gifts

### Prayer Requests -- Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Sung

### Welcoming Our Guests

\*Hymn of Sending Forth "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" #204 Hymnal

\*Benediction and Commission to Serve On Screen

### Passing of the Peace of God and Inviting one another to fellowship\*\*\*

Postlude "Masters in this Hall" Arr. by Hayes

\*\*\*Following worship you are invited to stay for fellowship in Baldrige Hall at the east end of the building.