

Morning Song
December 11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent
8:45am Fogartie Hall



"Annunciation, Gabriel"

Welcome

Gathering Song

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Joy

Almighty God, in the hustle and bustle of this season,
we confess that too often we lose sight of the joy of your coming.

So renew in us that sense of awe of your incarnation
and your abiding presence,

that we might sing out with Mary in joy and praise.

Thank you for the joy that you give to every heart that trusts in you.

As we watch and wait for you to return,

help us to share your joy with each other in all that we say and do.

Amen.

Congregational Response

Song of Praise

Prayer of Confession

God of majesty and glory,
we are thirsty for your grace.
You made a way for us in the wilderness,
and still, in our folly, we go astray.
We hide our eyes from your presence.
We do not listen to your word.
We are lifeless when we ought to dance
and speechless when we ought to sing.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Speak peace to our fearful hearts,
strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees
as we seek to follow in your holy way...

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, by the faith of Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Blessed be the God of our salvation, whose mercy is everlasting.

Response

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Church

Children's Time

First Reading: Daniel 8:15-18

Second Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

"Witnesses to the Miracle: Angels"

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Offering

Song

Benediction

Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion.

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Participating in Today's Service

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

Rev. Ansley B. Page

Sadie Brock

Advent Candlelighters

Melanie and Brandon Davis,

Tyler, Savannah, and Cooper

Morning Song Musicians

Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals; Rafe Andrews, guitar/vocals;

Kolby Carrouth, drums; Cooper Cecil, electric guitar;

Landon Hammett, keyboard/vocals; Anna Harkey, violin;

Leigha Keller, vocals; Jeff Key, bass guitar

Sunday School - 9:45am

Children

Classrooms are in the Clark Building

Youth

Second Floor of the Family Life Center

Adults

Abide - Room 2200

Bible Alive! - Room 2208 & on Zoom

Emmaus - Room 2207

LIFT - Room 2201



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