

TODAY'S SERVICE

Today we are blessed to hear the Adult Choir Cantata! The choir has been working very hard on this cantata, and we are grateful for their service to our congregation not just this Sunday, but every Sunday! We pray that you find this service meaningful. Congregational singing is included in your bulletin! Words to the songs are included in your bulletin to help you follow along.

JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

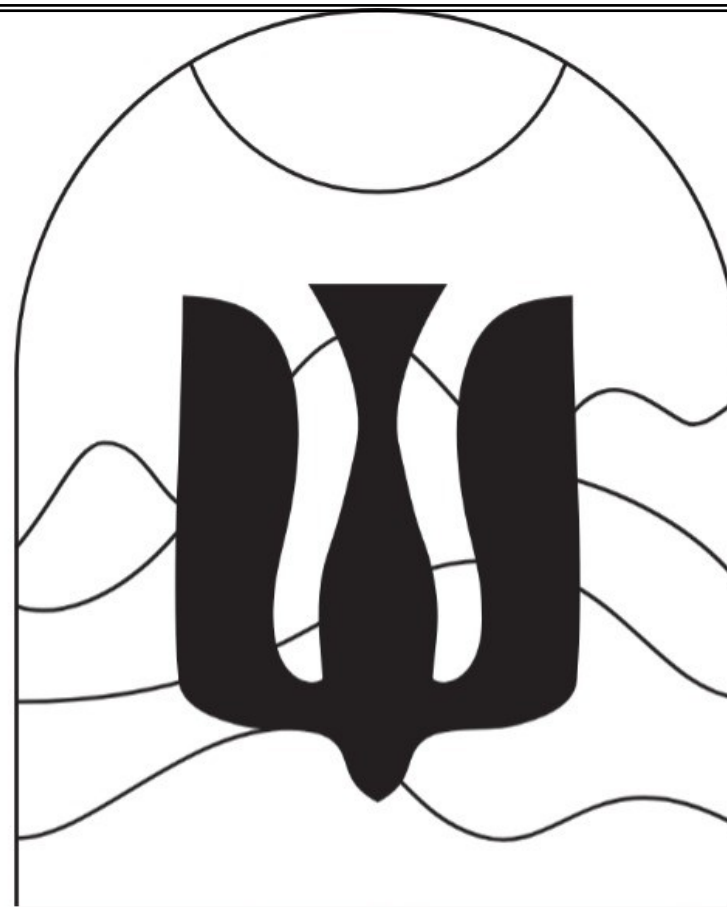
Join us after worship for a delicious Joy Lunch in Gossett Hall! We will celebrate together the gifts of this congregation, and we will have lots of fun and fellowship! Many thanks to the Women of the Church for the beautiful decorations and the delicious food!

JOY OFFERING

During December we collect a special offering. The Joy offering goes to support retired pastors, young seminarians, and pastors and spouses who have had a major crisis and need financial assistance. Please mark your checks "Joy offering" in the memo line and use the Joy Offering Envelopes located in your pews.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen's brother) Bob Hartness (Rev. Audrey's dad), Clifton Mabry, Sam and Edna Dillard, John Davis, Kathy Skillen, Joel Thrift, Al Belauskus, Sue Costa, (Paula Meades and Shari Waldo's friend), Arlene Touart (Sherry Moats' aunt), Bently Carver (son of a friend of James Lawson), Alston Gordon (Henry Gordon's brother).



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Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle.....The Stancils

No more dying there, we are going to see the King. No more dying there, we are going to see the King. No more dying there, we are going to see the King.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, We're going to see the King!

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Merciful God, always with us, always coming, we confess that we do not know how to prepare for Your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of Your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God.

Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask You to make us ready for his coming, in Jesus' Holy name we pray.

(A time of silent reflection).

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

***Apostles Creed** (*The Glory to God Hymnal* p. 35)

***Gloria Patri** (*The Glory to God Hymnal*, p. 581)

Tidings of Joy: A Celtic Christmas Celebration

By Joseph M. Martin

1. A Christmas Invitation
2. A Festival Gathering of Carols
3. Upon the Wind, There Comes a Song
4. From the Prophet Comes a Promise
5. A Song of Joy
6. The Silent Stars Go By
7. Comfort and Joy
8. Look to the Silver Sky
9. Sing of a Merry Christmas
10. Glad Tidings of Great Joy

Benediction

Adult Choir Members

Nita McMillan, Organist

Ann Merritt, Pianist

Soprano

Joey Roeder

Sandra Moore

Shepherd Chuites

Trish McCoy

Miriam Wray

Rowan Orlowski

Alto

Ann Merritt

Kim Burden

Sarah Mitchell

Laura Ann Moore

Tenor

Steven Dover

Barry Burden

Bass

Steve Moore

John Merritt

Otto Tysland

Narrator: Rev. Audrey H. Reese

Welcome! We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! We pray that as you worship at WPC, you feel God's presence with you. If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you come worship with us again!

UPCOMING SERVICE: Next Sunday, December 24th, we will celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent at 11:00 am! We will celebrate the sacrament of baptism and receive into membership Ashley, Kenley and Hadley Towe, and Meredith, Michael, Rowan and Willem Orlowski. The sermon title will be "The Good News of God's Judgement" with Scripture readings from Revelation 15:1-8. We will also celebrate Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion at 7:00 pm as well. Please join us for one or both!