

*The AACRC Gathers in Homes  
December 13, 2020, 10:30am*

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, welcome to worship. Though we find ourselves physically separated, we know that God is One: revealed in Christ Jesus, accessible by the Spirit. Wherever you are this morning, it is our confident hope that as we gather, Christ is in our midst. Streamed and archived at [www.youtube.com/c/AnnArborCRC](http://www.youtube.com/c/AnnArborCRC)*

#### **PRELUDE**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – Red Hymnal 61:6

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP & GOD’S GREETING**

#### **OPENING SONG**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – *Refrain only*

#### **FIRST READING/CANDLE LIGHTING**

John 1:6-8; 19-28

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of joy,  
you have given us Jesus,  
the light of the world.  
Yet we continue to love darkness.  
and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love.  
Baptize us with your Spirit,  
that, forgiven and renewed,  
we may enact your justice  
and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and our light and our joy. Amen.

#### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

#### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

#### **SONG**

Psalm 126 – Isaac Wardell

**SERMON:** Isaiah 61:1-11

**ALMOST: JOY** – Pastor Ryan

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*One: The Lord be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts!*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*... With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven  
we worship and adore your glorious name:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*... Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:*

**Christ has died!**

**Christ is risen!**

**Christ will come again!**

## **MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim – Red Hymnal 66

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through the MyWell app, or by check. You can also consider how God is asking  
you to serve this week through the opportunities listed in our Connections email.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **SENDING SONG**

Joy to the World! (Psalm 98) – Red Hymnal 92:1,3

## **WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING**

I Thessalonians 5:16-24

## **POSTLUDE**

Preacher – Pastor Ryan Boes  
Liturgist/Guitar – Pastor Noah Livingston  
Keys – Marilyn McLaughlin  
Organ/Piano – Jan Musch  
Percussion – Nathan Groenewold  
Cello/Bass – Victor Chen

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