

Order of Worship for Sunday, December 12, 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Advent: JOY

For the transformation of the world, we make disciples. We study God's Word and offer praise and worship as we strengthen each other for outreach beyond the church walls.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Heart That Grew Three Sizes Study at Sprucetown Monday 10am, online Thursday 6:30pm.
- Coffee with the Pastor Wednesday at Burkholder's Market 8:30am
- CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES will be held 3pm at Sprucetown Church and 6pm at St. James in Coburn sharing the Christmas story through beloved hymns, Holy Communion and candlelight singing of Silent Night. All are welcome! Services will be offered live via Zoom.

CENTERING WORDS "My soul magnifies God." "My spirit rejoices in God my savior."

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE *Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP / ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY

One: My soul magnifies the Lord;

**Many: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

One: The Mighty One has done great things.

**Many: Holy is God's name!**

One: *Light the pink candle of Advent: JOY*

One: We light this candle as a symbol of the joy to be found in your kingdom on earth. For the Lord elevates the lowly, releases the captive, and brings sight to the blind. We rejoice in his justice and mercy, faithful to all generations.

**Many: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

#### † OPENING PRAYER

**God, our light, and our salvation, you bring hope and peace to the lowly and oppressed. Let us see the world through your eyes that we may love the widow and orphan, that we may work for justice, that our lives may bear witness to the joyful good news of the kingdom at hand and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.**

#### † OPENING HYMN O Come, All Ye Faithful UMH #234

#### BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE The Joy of Christmas

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Isaiah 12:2-6 // Luke 1:46b-55

MESSAGE Glories Stream

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**"My soul magnifies God."**

**"My spirit rejoices in God my savior."**

**For these words of challenge,**

**for these words that disturb us,**

**for these words that excite us with their possibilities.**

**We thank you, God.**

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE UMH p. 12

- Confession and Pardon

- The Great Thanksgiving

- The Lord's Prayer

- Sharing the Bread and Cup

*The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.*

*The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.*

† CLOSING HYMN Joy to the World UMH #246

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

† CHORAL BENEDICTION Silent Night, Holy Night v. 2 #239

NEXT WEEK: "Take Peace Into Your Own Hands"

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