

# **Third Street Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**



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**Our Vision:** *We are God's Servants impacting, changing and growing lives spiritually in Church and Community.*

**Sunday, December 11, 2016** **9:30 A.M.**

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***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent***  
**Gathering of the People of God**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CAROL**

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful” #41,PH*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

**PEOPLE: sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

**PEOPLE: tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

**PEOPLE: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.

**PEOPLE: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it.**

Leader: Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming.

**PEOPLE: God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equity and truth. Praise the Lord!!**

## **PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION**

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Leader: The Christian life is full of ordinary things that together work for the extraordinary purpose of glorifying God. We rejoice in the promises of God and yet at times our hearts are sad. **(Relight first & second candle.)**

**PEOPLE: Even David, Israel's great king, at times was downcast and disturbed within his soul..**

Leader: Despite the problems we face in this world, we are called to be a people of rejoicing. The Scriptures call us to "rejoice in the Lord always."

**PEOPLE: Why so downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God!**

Leader: We light this third Advent candle with rejoicing, knowing that Christ will surely come again and make all things new. **(Light third [pink] candle.)**

**CAROL**                    *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"* #28, PH

### **FIRST LESSON**

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

*Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation*

**CAROL** *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* #44, PH

**(Vss.1,2,3)**

### **SECOND LESSON**

Genesis 22:15-18

*God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed*

**CAROL** *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"* #9, PH **(Vss.1 & 3)**

### **THIRD LESSON**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah*

**CAROL** *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"* #38, PH

**(Vss.1 & 4)**

**FOURTH LESSON**

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation*

**CAROL “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” #48, PH**

**FIFTH LESSON**

Luke 1:26-35, 38

*An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child*

**CAROL “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” #31, PH**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**WELCOME/ CHURCH CONCERNS**

**ADVENT REFLECTION**

**Rev. Eddie Deas III**

**SIXTH LESSON**

Luke 2:1-7

*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child*

**CAROL “Away in a Manger” #25, PH (Vss.1 & 3)**

**SEVENTH LESSON**

Luke 2:8-16

*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah*

**CAROL “Angels We Have Heard on High” #23, PH**

**EIGHTH LESSON**

Matthew 2:1-11

*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus*

**CAROL “We Three Kings of Orient Are” #66, PH (Vs.1 only)**

**NINTH LESSON**

John 1:1-14

*The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth*

**CAROL “Silent Night, Holy Night” #60, PH (Vss.1 & 3)**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMITMENT**

**TITHES & OFFERINGS INCLUDING**

**\*DOXOLOGY** *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *“Joy to the World!”* #40, **PH**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

\*Indicates those who are able, may stand

\*\*Worshippers May Enter and Exit

\*\*\*PH – Presbyterian Hymnal; AAHH – African American Heritage Hymnal: SF – Sing The Faith

## **WORDS OF WELCOME**

A joyous and hearty welcome! We're especially happy to have visitors present. Welcome to our Creator's house of worship. We ask that you sign our Guest Book in the Narthex before leaving. Please come to worship with us again and if you do not have church home here in Gastonia; we invite you to join the **THIRD STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** family.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

+ One For Third Street. Every 5th Sunday we are asking you to remember to help provide supplies for our Church by picking up one additional item for the Church when you purchase one for yourself or household. Please look at the list on the bookmarks in your bulletin today. You can donate these items at any time, but certainly by the 5th Sunday in October. **WE NEED PAPER TOWELS!**

**CHANGE FOR MISSION:** Don't forget to drop off your pocket change in the container as you leave the Church

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**Sunday School, 8:45 am.**

**Worship Service of Lessons & Carols, 9:30 am.**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016**

Happy Birthday, Marcus Guthrie

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016**

Happy Birthday, Malik Hyatt

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016**

Happy Birthday, Rachel I. Deas.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**Sunday School, 8:45 am.**

**Blue Christmas Worship Service and Christmas  
Dinner after Church, 11:30 a.m.**

**2016 ADVENT SCHEDULE**

- **3rd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 11, 2016 - Service of Carols and Lessons, 9:30am.**
- **4th Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2016 – 11:30am Blue Christmas Worship Service and Christmas Dinner after Church**
- **NO CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE**
- **Christmas Day Worship, Dec. 25, 2016-9:30am**

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