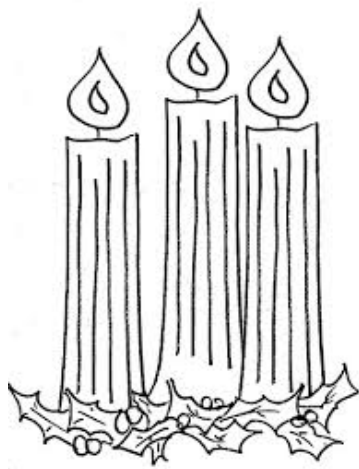


The Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018 • 10:00 AM Service
Holy Communion: Rite Two
Bishop's Visitation



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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

If you are new to our congregation, please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome Center or in the pew rack in front of you.

Childcare is available: During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors by the elevator.

We have **gluten-free wafers** available: Please make your request known at the altar rail.

Restrooms are located to the right as you go through the arch off the breezeway.

Following the service we welcome everyone for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, located on the first floor. Turn right after passing through the arch off the passageway between the buildings.

A gentle reminder: As a courtesy during the church service, please be sure to turn your **cell phone off** or put it on the vibrate setting.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

[Quietly prepare for worship]

PRELUDE: Bells of Hope *The Moon of Wintertime*
[Please stand when the chimes sound.]

arr. K. Dennis

OPENING HYMN *Blest Be the King*

74, vs. 3,4

A1 ***Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He only to the humble reveals the face of God.
All power is his, all glory! All things are in his hand,
all ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!***

***Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need
Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be,
for he would have us bear it so he can make us free!***

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

[Please be seated.]

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

- B** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
- B** There is one Body and one Spirit;
- C** **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
- B** One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
- C** **One God and Father of all.**
- B** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH AND PRAYER [**P** Priest/**C** Congregation]

[Please stand.]

ADVENT HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

56, vs. 1,2

A1 ***O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

PRAYER FOR THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT: Hope, Peace, Joy

- ☐ We light the first candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Hope.
[One blue candle is lit.]
We light the second candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Peace.
[A second blue candle is lit.]
We light the third candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Joy.
- ☒ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *[The pink candle is lit.]*
- ☑ **Our God, we come to you today filled with joy. Help us live joyfully today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all thing mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- ☒ The Lord be with you.
- ☑ **And also with you.**
- ☒ Let us pray... Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.
- ☑ **Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14–20 • Canticle 9 • Philippians 4:4–7 • Luke 3:7–18

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading:

- ☒ *The First Reading is taken from Zephaniah, chapter 3...*
Rejoice, Daughter Zion! Shout, Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem. The Lord has removed your judgment; he has turned away your enemy. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you will no longer fear evil. On that day, it will be said to Jerusalem: Don't fear, Zion. Don't let your hands fall. The Lord your God is in your midst—a warrior bringing victory. He will create calm with his love; he will rejoice over you with singing.
I will remove from you those worried about the appointed feasts. They have been a burden for her, a reproach. Watch what I am about to do to all your oppressors at that time. I will deliver the lame; I will gather the outcast. I will change their shame into praise and fame throughout the earth. At that time, I will bring all of you back, at the time when I gather you. I will give you fame and praise among all the neighboring peoples when I restore your possessions and you can see them—says the Lord.

- ☒ The Word of the Lord.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: Canticle 9

Surely, it Is God Who Saves Me

[Please remain seated. Congregation sings Refrain; Cantor sings Verses.]

☐ Refrain

Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -
fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-
fense, and God will be my Sav - ior. *Fine*

Cantor *Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name:*

☐ Refrain

Cantor *Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.*

☐ Refrain

Cantor *Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.*

☐ Refrain

The Second Reading:

☐ *The Second Reading is taken from Philippians, chapter 4...*

Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

☐ The Word of the Lord

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

[Please stand.]

***Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.***

***Word that speaks God's tender love, one with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.***

THE GOSPEL:

☐ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

☑ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

☐ Then John said to the crowds who came to be baptized by him, "You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don't even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham's children from these stones. The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire."

The crowds asked him, "What then should we do?"

He answered, "Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none, and whoever has food must do the same."

Even tax collectors came to be baptized. They said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?"

He replied, "Collect no more than you are authorized to collect."

Soldiers asked, "What about us? What should we do?"

He answered, "Don't cheat or harass anyone, and be satisfied with your pay."

The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. John replied to them all, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I'm not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can't be put out." With many other words John appealed to them, proclaiming good news to the people.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Bishop Dabney Smith

[Please be seated.]

SERMON HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light!

[Please stand.]

A1 *Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.*

Refrain *Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.* Refrain

*Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.* Refrain

*Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.* Refrain

*Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.* Refrain

PRESENTATION

- P** I present N. to be received into this Communion.
- P** I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

THE BAPTISMAL VOWS

- B** Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
- R** **I do.**
- B** Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
- R** **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**
- B** Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
- A1** **We will!**

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

- B** Let us join with those recommitting themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.
- B** Do you believe in God the Father?
- C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

- B** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C** **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- B** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C** **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**
- B** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- C** **I will, with God's help.**
- B** Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- C** **I will, with God's help.**
- B** Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- C** **I will, with God's help.**
- B** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- C** **I will, with God's help.**
- B** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- C** **I will, with God's help.**
- B** Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

[Please remain standing; the Leader and People pray responsively]

- L** Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- L** Open their heart to your grace and truth.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- L** Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- L** Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- L** Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- L** Send them into the world in witness to your love.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- L** Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

℣ We thank you for the flowers given to the glory of God by Charles E. Shannon in memory of Joanie Shannon on her birthday; and by Gus and Becky Robbins-Penniman in honor and thanksgiving for Bishop Smith's visitation today. We thank you for all the blessings of this life.

☩ **Lord, hear our prayer.**

℣ Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

☩ **Amen.**

CONFIRMATION

[The congregation may be seated.]

℣ Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life. Amen.

RECEPTION

℣ *N.*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

CONCLUSION

℣ Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☩ **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

[Please stand or kneel.]

℣ Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

[Silence is kept.] Most merciful God,

☩ **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

℣ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

☩ **Amen.**

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand.]

- Ⓐ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- Ⓒ **And also with you.** *[All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.]*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- Ⓐ Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

People, Look East

French/Hopson

[Please be seated.]

PRESENTATION

[Please stand when the offering plates are given to the Deacon.]

- Ⓐ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

PRESENTATION HYMN

We Praise You, O God

- Ⓐ ***We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

- Ⓐ The Lord be with you.
- Ⓒ **And also with you.**
- Ⓐ Lift up your hearts.
- Ⓒ **We lift them to the Lord.**
- Ⓐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Ⓒ **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
- Ⓐ It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:


SANCTUS

Emmanuel

A1




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.



Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho-san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.



Bles-sed is he who comes in the name o - f the Lord.



Ho-san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- ⓑ Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

- B** After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

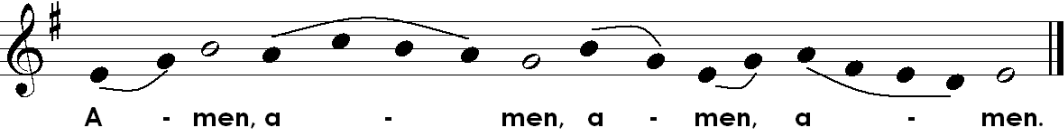
C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- B** We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

C



A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- B** As our Savior Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say...
- A1** **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**
- B** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
- C** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**
- B** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION MUSIC

[Please be seated.]

COMMUNION CHANT

Wait for the Lord

[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

☞ Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

☞ Let us pray...

☞ Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

☞ Our help is in the name of the Lord.

☞ The maker of heaven and earth.

☞ Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

☞ From this time forth for evermore.

[The Bishop blesses the people.]

☞ Amen.

SENDING HYMN

On Jordan's Bank

76, vs. 1–3

**☞ On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.**

***Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.***

***For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.***

THE DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

The King Shall Come

David Johnson