



Third Sunday of Advent



December 12, 2021

Rev. Lura Kidner-Miesen, Pastor
Eric McKirdy, Organist & Music Director

Welcome!

Announcements

Prelude: *Joy to the World*

The Brass Quintet

Invitation to Worship

Don McMorris

In Jesus' mother, Mary, we see great faith, commitment, and courage.

Like Mary, we offer ourselves to the great I AM.

We receive with joy the love God has for us.

May the Christ of Christmas be born anew in us.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Song: *The First Noel/What Child is This*

Lonna Capaci, Chaundra Carter &
Eric McKirdy

Scripture:

Luke 1:39-55

Message: "Christ in the Chaos"

Pastor Lura Kidner-Miesen

Hymn: *Silent Night, Holy Night*

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Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

Song: *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

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Closing Blessing

Postlude



Announcements:

~ Singing is much safer outdoors. After the worship service you are invited to go outside with your mask on and join in singing Christmas carols.

~ You may donate toward Christmas gifts for the women and children at Oxford House, the young women at Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility (OCYCF), or our church staff. Donations to OCYCF are due by December 12 and donations for Oxford House and our church staff are due by December 19. You may donate through our website at albanymethodist.org or make your check out to the church and note which offering it is for.

~ There will be an ushers meeting after church (and after carol singing) today, Dec. 12, in the Sanctuary. We will be creating an ushering schedule through June of next year. Anyone is welcome to attend.

~ There will be an organ recital of Advent and Christmas music in our church Sanctuary on Sunday, December 19, at 3 p.m. Those who are vaccinated may attend in-person and everyone may watch online.

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King
of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;
(Refrain)

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
(Refrain)

What Child Is This?

1. What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
(Refrain)

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
(Refrain)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"