



Service for the Lord's Day

December 17, 2017

The Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude

In Dulci Jubilo

--Dietrich Buxtehude

Life in the Church

Rev. Dr. Debra J.K. Bronkema

Tolling of the Hour

Andy Kim

Introit

Call to Worship

The Kim Family

Leader: Joy to the World!

People: **This, then, is the culmination of our years of waiting.**

(Light two candles)

Leader: We have lit the candles of hope and peace. In the glow of their light we feel the warmth of deep and quiet joy.

People: **Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns.**

(Light third candle)

Leader: Let us sing in the name of Christ who offers us hope;

People: **Peace in the chaos of life,**

Leader: God's love – graciously, silently, vulnerably offered.

People: **And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

*Hymn of Praise

"Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending"

#6 in the hymnal

*Opening Prayer

Call and Prayer of Confession

Light of life,

shine into the darkest places of our lives,

that we may confess our sins

and move into the light of your love.

Forgive us when we cause weeping and sorrow,

rather than joy and hope.

Transform us to be people of your dream,

children of Christ's promise,

and disciples of hope for all the world to see. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

#23 in the hymnal – verse 1

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.**

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*The Peace

Anthem

Hallelujah (from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*)

--Ludwig van Beethoven

Halleluja, Hallelujah, Halleluja,
Halleluja unto God's Almighty Son.

Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy.

Man, proclaim his grace and glory, Halleluja.
Halleluja unto God's Almighty Son.

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"From Heaven Above"

#54 in the hymnal

A Lesson From Luke 1:34-45

Anthem

"Somebody's Talkin' 'Bout Jesus"

--Traditional Spiritual (arr. Bob Krogstad)

Everywhere I go, my Lord,
Somebody's talkin' 'bout Jesus.

They turned away Mary and Joseph from the inn,
Somebody's talkin' 'bout Jesus.

Born in a stable in Bethlehem.
Somebody's talkin' 'bout Jesus.

Born of the Virgin Mary.
Somebody's talkin' 'bout Jesus.

Born in Bethlehem.
Somebody's talkin' 'bout Jesus.

Hark! The herald angels sing,
Somebody's talkin' 'bout Jesus.

"Glory to the newborn King!"
Somebody's talkin' 'bout Jesus.

Everywhere I go, my Lord,
Somebody's talkin' 'bout Jesus.

A Lesson From Luke 1:46-55

MUSIC OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS FROM "THE MESSIAH" -- *G. F. Handel*

THE CHANCEL CHOIR
DAVID MACDONALD, DIRECTOR
EVAN CLOSSER, ORGANIST
WENDY ZAROS, SOLOIST
APRIL JOHNSON AND MARK KUSHNIR, VIOLINS
NAOMI GRAF, VIOLA
PETER SEIDENBERG, CELLO

No. 14 Recitative

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo! the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

No. 15 Recitative

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

No. 16 Recitative

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

No. 17 Chorus

"Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards men."

No. 44 Chorus

*Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ; And He shall reign forever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and He shall reign forever and ever.
Hallelujah!*

No. 18 Air

Wendy Zaros, soprano

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy king cometh unto thee.
He is the righteous Saviour and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.*

Offering God Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

*Doxology - #22 in the hymnal - verse 4

"Angels, From the Realms of Glory"
**All creation, join in praising God the Father,
Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Call to Prayer

"Joy to the World!"
**Joy to the World! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart, prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing.**

#40 in the hymnal - verse 1

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (saying 'debts')

*Closing Hymn	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	#41 in the hymnal
*Charge and Benediction		
*Benediction Response	"Amen"	--Bell Choir
Postlude	In Dulci Jubilo	--C.P.E. Bach

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