

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 11 December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements *(To help us connect, please sign the address pad
in your pew)*

Praise Choruses: *Selected Carols*

Greeting**: Tell the timid to take heart.
The Lord our God will come.
(Traditional Monastic Liturgy)

Opening Hymn: 60 “I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath”

Opening Prayer**: The Lord be with you.
And also with you

In the advent seasons, when the past has fled, unasked, away
and there is nothing to do but wait,

God, shelter us.

Be our surrounding darkness;

Be the fertile soil out of which hope springs in due time.

In uncertain times, help us to greet the dawn and labor on, love on,

in faith awaiting your purpose hid in you

awaiting to be born in due time. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath**: (Isaiah 35:10)

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our joy.

May the joyful promise of your presence, O God,

Make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Response: 211 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Verse 3

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalter: Page 199 Canticle of Mary Luke 1:47-55 (*Magnificat*)

Second Lesson: James 5:7-10

*Hymn of Preparation: 2100 “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon: “**Now**”

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15 ff)

All are welcome!

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 2098 “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”

*Dismissal**: Serve your God with patience and passion;
Be deliberate in enacting your faith.
Be steadfast in celebrating the Spirit’s power,
and may peace be your way in the world.

Amen.

Glen E. Rainsley, 20th century-

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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