

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 15 December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE

(To help us connect, please sign the attendance pad in your pew)

Prelude and lighting of candles

Lighting of the Advent candles*: THIRD SUNDAY 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: 2090 *(Verse 3 only)* "Light the Advent Candle"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for illumination: 195 *(Spoken, in unison: Verse 1 only)*

"Send Your Word"

First lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Psalter: *(Insert: Alternate leader and **people**)* Isaiah 12:2-6

Response to psalter: *(Sung in unison)* **Joy to the world,**

the Lord is come!

Second lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

Song: 2089 *(Tune:399)* "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

Gospel lesson: Luke 3:7-18

Sermon

Joys, concerns, prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION(Page 15ff)

(All are welcome)

SENDING FORTH

Song: 224 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Blessing: 669 "Apostolic Blessing"

Postlude and extinguishing of candles/Going Forth

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