

THE LORD'S DAY

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2023

10 O'clock A.M.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:2,3,6

**The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;**

*Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has a light shone.*

**You have multiplied the nation;
You have increased its joy;**

*They rejoice before you
As with joy at the harvest...*

For to us a child is born!

To us a Son is given!

*HYMN OF ADORATION

Joy to the World

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Mary, Did You Know?"

Debbie Ciancarelli

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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CONFESSION OF SIN

based on Isaiah 6

*Almighty God, You are truly Holy, holy, holy as the seraphim sang.
Because of Your majestic purity even those sinless beings could
not look upon your holiness. Yet like Isaiah when we are confronted
with your holiness we can only cry out woe is me, I am ruined.
Isaiah knew his lips were unclean, and we also, sin with our
tongues every day against your holiness and against your law
of loving one another. Father, forgive us for these and all our sins.
We confess them to You through our Savior Jesus, Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Psalms 32:1,2,10,11

**Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.**

*Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no
iniquity, and in whose spirit is no deceit*

**Steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice O righteous!**

*HYMN OF DEVOTION

*What Child Is This
Ushers come forward*

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

PASTORAL PRAYER

*READING OF GOD'S WORD

Isaiah 9:1-7
Pew Bible #680,681

SERMON

The Light Shined!

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Angels We Have Heard on High

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*BENEDICTION

*GLORIA PATRI

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**Stand if you are able*