



3rd Sunday of Advent

Color: Blue (symbolizing Hope)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

10 am Worship Service

December 16, 2018

As you are seated, please remember to fill out the attendance pad and pass it along the pew.

* - Indicates those who are able may stand

Bold – Everyone speaks

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (blue hardcover)

FWS – The Faith We Sing Hymnal (black paperback)

WAS – Worship and Song (green paperback)

Inspiration

“The Incarnation is the place ... where hope contends with fear.”

Kathleen Norris

“The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.”

Philipps Brooks

Words of Welcome

Greeting

Prelude

Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

Lee Prophitt

As we light this lamp, we pray for the safety of all who are in harm’s way this day and especially for all those in the midst of conflict.

Grant us peace, grant them peace, grant the world peace, in the name of Your Son. Amen.

***Lighting the Third Advent Candle**

Leader: The third candle is the candle of JOY. We are told that the magi, when they saw the star over the place where Jesus was, "rejoiced exceedingly with great joy."

People: May the light of Christ bring us joy.

Leader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing ... They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God (Isaiah 35:1-2).

People: God, turn our days to joy that we may serve you always. Fill us with a sense of expectancy and wonder as we continue to prepare for the amazing blessings of the holy birth.

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #203

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Call to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Dear God, troubled and confused in a confusing, troubled world, we try to make sense out of the conflicting voices. We search to find one word that will make sense and give meaning to the rest. Come near, Lord. Touch our hearts and souls; enfold your life around ours; speak that one cleansing, unifying word. Express yourself to us, in us, through us; in the name of the Christ child. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Response and Call to Prayer

FWS #2152

"Change My Heart, O God"

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Brief prayers may be shared by people in the congregation.

*If it is a prayer request, the Pastor will end the prayer by saying,
"God, to your love..."*

If it is a praise, the Pastor will say, "God, in thanksgiving..."

*Then the people shall respond each time by saying:
"...we trust this prayer."*

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem

"Come Emmanuel"

Choir

Especially for Children

FWS #2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Offering our Gifts

(All loose change goes to Anchorage Gospel Mission)

To our first time visitors: As the offering plate is passed, please understand that your presence is the only gift we ask. If you would join us again next Sunday, that would be appreciated even more!

*Doxology

UMH #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Reading from the Word

Listen for the Word of God.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

*Luke 3:7-18

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Reception Into Membership

Holy Communion*

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

***Hymn of Discipleship**

FWS #2091

"The King of Glory Comes"

***Taking Christ's Light into the World**

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** (*words on the overhead beams*)

***Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of God go with you.

And also with you.

Scriptures for next Sunday, December 23rd

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199)

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

***Communion Note**

We also have a separate gluten-free bread and chalice available for those who cannot have gluten. Please ask the servers for "gluten-free".