



3rd Sunday in Advent

Color: Blue (symbolizing hope)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

8:30 and 11:00 am Worship Service

December 17, 2017

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)

Words of Welcome

Greeting

Prelude

8:30 Marsha Frederick
11:00 Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

8:30 Amy Steffian
11:00 Sandra Woods

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.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather this morning,

People: With joy and thanksgiving.

Leader: Keep the fire of your Spirit burning in us,

People: And let us hear your prophecies with fresh ears.

Leader: With hearts full of anticipation,

People: We await your coming, O Lord.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God.

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #249

"There's a Song in the Air"

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

Call to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Jesus, our desire is to offer worship that is pure and beautiful in your sight. Pour your Spirit out upon us that we may worship as he leads. Cleanse our hearts from sin that we may come to you righteous and holy. You have given us this day and we give it back to you. It is yours. We are yours. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Response and Call to Prayer

FWS #2207

"Lord, Listen to Your Children"

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

The Lord's Prayer (11:00)

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.

Anthem (11:00)

"Advent Peace Canon"

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 Rescue 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**

Hymn of Preparation (11:00)

TFWS #2095

"Star-Child"

Reading from the Word

Listen for the Word of God.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 96 (815 UMH)

James 1:1-5

*Luke 2:9-14

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

The Message

A Journey of Joy

Rev. Tim McConville

Holy Communion* (8:30)

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Discipleship**

UMH #224

"Good Christian Friend Rejoice"

***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.

***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".