

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Sanctuary Choir, Chime Choir and Danny Reeves
TECHNICIAN: Scott Hokett | **GREETER:** Rich & Betsy Mazurkiewicz | **LITURGIST:** Michele Fecht

"The Angels' Carol"

Have you heard the sound of the angel voices ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear? Have you seen the star shining out so brightly as a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here? Have you hear the news that they bring from heaven to the humble shepherds who have waited long? Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels sing their joyful song.

He is come in peace in the winter's stillness, like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night; He is come in joy like the sun at morning filling all the world with radiance and with light. He is come in love as the child of Mary; in a simple stable we have seen his birth: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing 'Peace on Earth.'

He will bring new light to a world in darkness, like a bright star shining in the skies above; He will bring new hope to the waiting nations when he comes to reign in purity and love. Let the earth rejoice at the Saviour's coming; let the heavens answer with the joyful morn: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing 'Christ is born.'

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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

December 15, 2024
3rd Sunday in Advent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE "The First Noel" (Traditional) Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Joel K. Boyd

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

CHORAL INTROIT

A glorious crown you gave me, a treasure safe on high, that will not fail nor leave me as earthly riches fly.

**Stand in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted Deut. 18:15) (read responsively) Michele Fecht

Leader: Moses said, "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen."

Congregation: **Come, Lord Jesus. Be among us and work justice and love within our hearts.**

*** GATHERING HYMN** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #123

***INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER** (in unison) Michele Fecht

Redeeming God, Your prophets foretold the One who would come to save us. Now the promise is fulfilled, Your kingdom has come near and overshadows us with Your mercy and grace. The good news has come! Be with us by the Holy Spirit as we pray as Jesus taught us:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: Joy The Milligan family

Congregation: **Lord, we know that You are always with Your people, filling our hearts with joy as we remember all the wonderful things You call us to share and to do as Your people in the world. Bless us this Advent that we spread Your joy to all people, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ADVENT RESPONSE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #92, V3

SUNDAY SCHOOL MOMENT Colleen Foster
(Children are released to Sunday School.)

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10 | Page #640 OT Michele Fecht

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "The Angels' Carol" by John Rutter Sanctuary Choir
(See back page for lyrics)

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Joel K. Boyd

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERTORY "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" Chime Choir
from Messiah by G.F. Handel; arr. by Sandra Eithun

***DOXOLOGY** (sing in unison) #563

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-23 | Page #1 NT Rev. Joel K. Boyd

Leader: This is the Gospel message of our Savior.
Congregation: **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

SERMON SERIES The Alpha and the Omega
SERMON TITLE "Advent to Advent" Rev. Joel K. Boyd

***SENDING HYMN** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" #63

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Joel K. Boyd

POSTLUDE Overture from "Unto Us a Child is Born" by J.S. Bach Dave Howland

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