

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Third Sunday of Advent
9 am - December 11, 2016

We Gather Together

Prelude

Greeting

***Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy**

One: Isaiah 35:1-10

All: The first candle of Advent was the candle of Hope. The second Advent candle represents Peace. The third Advent candle represents Joy.

One: (The Acolyte lights the first, second, and third candles.)

All: The Joy of this season is not measured in material gifts.

One: The Joy comes from God's eternal gift to all the world: Jesus the Savior!

All: May all know the Joy of Jesus!

One: Let us pray:

All: O God of Mystery, we look upon the candle of Joy, knowing it can transform our pain and sorrow into life and promise. Remind us of this joy, again and again, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn**

Children's Blessing

We Receive the Word

Hail to the Lord's Anointed #203, verse 3

**He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.**

Sermon **Hail to the Lord's Anointed** Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

Choral Anthem

Stewardship Celebration and Invitation

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

***Prepare the Way of the Lord #207**

Prepare the way of the Lord.

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**And all people will see the
Salvation of our God.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

We Take the Word into the World

***Hymn**

***Blessing**

God bless you, sisters and brothers. May Christ keep us in the faith until the day we shall appear before his presence.

Postlude

Ministering Today - 9 am

Greeters	Betty Stoutjesdyk, Freddi Angus, Nancy Chambers
Acolyte	Anna Reidel
Ushers	Deb Hodges, Dennis Strong, Ken & Linda McKenney
Musician	Liz Montcastle
Sound Tech	Dan Scribner
Video Tech	Brad Jeltama
Nursery	Skyler Maitner, Sheryl Jones
Child Advocate	Phyllis Prentiss, Skyler Maitner

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