

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am - December 17, 2017

We Gather Together

Welcome

Gift of Music, Brass Trio.

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

*Call To Worship

One: A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,

All: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Children's Choir

There Was a Little Baby, Oh My Lord

Christmas in Black and White

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy

Chancel Choir

Christ Child Noel

We Receive the Word

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-21

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband was a righteous man. Because he didn't want to humiliate her, he decided to call off their engagement quietly. As he was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child she carries was conceived by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Raising a Child Not Your Own

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

Singing 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Offering Our Selves and Gifts to God

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology #64

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

In the advent seasons, when the past has fled, unasked, away and there is nothing left to do but wait, God, shelter us. Be our surrounding darkness; be the fertile soil out of which hope springs in due time. In uncertain times, help us to greet the dawn and labor on, love one, in faith awaiting your purpose hid in you waiting to be born in due time. Amen.

We Go Forth Into the World

*Singing 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*Benediction

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Postlude

**Please stand as you are able or comfortable.*

Our Advent series is based on the book Faithful: Christmas through the eyes of Joseph by Adam Hamilton.

Our Mission is to build a Christian community with all people.

Our vision: by 2018, Wesley Park will strive to inspire from the youngest to the oldest and everybody in between to live out the greatest commandment: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

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9:30 am Worship Servants:

- ☀ **Greeters:** Bill and Vicky Van Dalsen
- ☀ **Ushers:** Chuck & Janice Starnes, Larry & Wendy Harr
- ☀ **Acolytes:** Dakota Acosta and Allie Schick
- ☀ **Computer Tech:** Alex Fischer
- ☀ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Erica Jones
- ☀ **Sound Board:** Pat Carruthers
- ☀ **Video Tech:** Steven Carruthers
- ☀ **Welcome Desk:** Deb Hodges and Tabi Fischer
- ☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Liz Montcastle, Adrienne Prentiss, Dave Strumfeld, Kristen Brinks, Jeff Brinks, Eric Olsen

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