

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BARRINGTON
December 12, 2021



Third Sunday of Advent
Waiting for True Joy

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (Mark Hayes)
Rustic Serenade to the Virgin Mary (Hector Berlioz)

Grace Lee

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP and LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Heloise Pechan

One: In Advent we watch and wait for Christ's coming.

Many: **We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.**

One: Today we light one candle in hope. We light another for peace. And the pink one, we light for joy.

(Congregation sings while three candles are lit.)

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

One: Surely God is our salvation;

Many: **We will trust and not be afraid,**

One: for the Lord is our strength and our might;

Many: **God has become our salvation.**

One: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

Many: **Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, Rejoice!**

One: God of promise, God of joy,

All: **into our darkness come.**

*HYMN

Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem

#155

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 12:2-6

Heloise Pechan

God is indeed my salvation; I will trust and won't be afraid. The LORD, is my strength and my shield; he has become my salvation."³ You will draw water with joy from the springs of salvation.⁴ And you will say on that day: "Thank the LORD; call on God's name; proclaim God's deeds among the peoples; declare that God's name is exalted.⁵ Sing to the LORD, who has done glorious things; proclaim this throughout all the earth."⁶ Shout and sing for joy, city of Zion, because the holy one of Israel is great among you.

Luke 3:7-14, 18

⁷ Then John said to the crowds who came to be baptized by him, "You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon?" ⁸ Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don't even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham's children from these stones. ⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire."¹⁰ The crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹ He answered, "Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none, and whoever has food must do the same."¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. They said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³ He replied, "Collect no more than you are authorized to collect."¹⁴ Soldiers asked, "What about us? What should we do?" He answered, "Don't cheat or harass anyone, and be satisfied with your pay."

One Voice:

The word of God, for the people of God.

Many Voices:

Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Please stand as we sing

#806

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be, world without end. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Alayne McNulty

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Musical Offering

Now Tell Us Gentle Mary (Cesar Franck)

DOXOLOGY

#808

*Praise God from who all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL to PRAYER

Christ Be Our Light

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

JOYS and CONCERNS of the CHURCH

One Voice: Gracious God

Many Voices: Hear our Prayer

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

HYMN

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

#170

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

One Voice: May the words of my mouth,

All Voices: **And the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.**
(Psalm 19)

SERMON

Waiting for True Joy
(or Hornet's in the Hay)

Rev. Carol McVetty

HYMN

Joy to the World

#146

BENEDICTION

Rev. Carol McVetty

POSTLUDE AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Arr. Jan Sanborn

*Flowers on the altar today are the gift of Susan Carsello
in honor of her mother, Nancy Klehm and comforted with the knowledge that our beloved dog, Tiger, is now
asleep in her lap.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Week three of our advent daily devotional. "The Season of Almost" by Kate Bowler, can be found attached to this week's FLASH, or go to katebowler.com/advent.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

On Christmas Eve the waiting is over. With candlelight, carols, scripture, and story, we will welcome the Christ Child. Our theme; No More Waiting! Welcoming the Light. **Friday, December 24 at 6:00 p.m.**

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH? Pastor Carol's office hours are Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Pastor Carol can be reached through the church office at 847.381.1294 or she can be reached via email at revmcvetty@gmail.com. The church's pastoral and emergency care duties will also now be handled by Rev. Carol McVetty until the new Pastor begins in mid-January. If you are sick or need to speak with a pastor, don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Carol.