



*Third Sunday*  
OF ADVENT

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church  
8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 13, 2009 at 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand if you choose*  
***Bold Text is spoken by everyone***

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### HYMN SING

### ACOLYTES

Megan Bootsma and Madeleine Smith

### WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Wade Askew, Claudia Askew, Hannah Pyle and Jackson Pyle

### ❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

*Open Our Eyes*

No. 2086

### ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Margaret Johnston, Liturgist

The wilderness shall be glad, and the desert shall blossom.

**All flesh will see God's majesty and glory.**

You with weak hands, God will strengthen you!

**You who are fearful, take heart!**

For behold, God is coming to save the faithful.

**They will obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

**Let us rejoice and sing, for our God comes! Amen.**

### ❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

No. 41

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy God, our very waiting in Advent is itself a confession: If we are waiting for Emmanuel, we are not yet with you; if we are waiting for Jesus, we need a Savior; if we are waiting for a Messiah, the proud are still powerful, the mighty are still exalted, the hungry stand unheard at the door; if we are waiting for your incarnation in human form, we confess that we have not known you in our sister, we have not loved you in our brother, we have not served you in our neighbor. In this time of great meaning, in the

**stillness of Advent love and light, hear our deepest confession; heal us and make us new through the good tidings of your presence in our lives. Amen.**

Silence is kept

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is the good news in Jesus Christ.

**We can stand before God, not through our own goodness,  
but through God's great kindness to us.**

Rejoice and be glad, for God comes to you!

### ❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

*Gloria Patri*

No. 579

### ❖ **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

### **A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH**

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

### **ANTHEM**

*Gaudete*

arr. Steele

*Gaudete, Gaudete! Christus et natus  
Ex maria virgine, Gaudete!  
Tempus ad est gratiae, Hoc quod  
optabamus;  
Carmina laetitiae, Devote redamus.  
Deus homo factus est, Natura mirante;  
Mundus renovatus est a Christo  
regnante.  
Ezechiellis porta clausa pertransitur;  
Unde lux est orta Salus invenitur.  
Ergo nostra cantio, Psallat iam in  
lustris;  
Benedicat Domino: Salus Regi nostro.*

Rejoice, Rejoice! Christ is born  
Of the virgin Mary, Rejoice!  
It is now the time of grace That we have desired;  
Let us sing songs of joy, Let us give devotion.  
God was made man, And nature marvels;  
The world was renewed By Christ who is King.  
The closed gate of Ezekiel has been passed  
through;  
From where the light rises Salvation is found.  
Therefore let our assembly now sing, Sing the  
Psalms to purify us; Let it praise the Lord:  
Greetings to our King.

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

*Isaiah 35:1-10 and Matthew 11:2-11*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **SERMON**

*What Time is it?*

Pastor Minshew

### **PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)**

# RESPOND TO THE WORD

## OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Still, Still, Still*

Manz

❖ Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 592

❖ Prayer of Dedication

**O Lord, as we offer our gifts today, we also offer a prayer: that during this Advent season the selfless spirit of Christ may become increasingly incarnate in our lives. Amen.**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ HYMN

*People, Look East*

No. 12

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*O Laughing Light*

No. 2093

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Let All Together Praise Our Good*

Manz

*If you choose, you are invited to exit with the choir following the benediction,  
or remain seated and conclude worship with the postlude.*