





Third Sunday of Advent, December 12, 2021

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

—Isaiah 9.6-7

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# Order for Engaging with God in Worship

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#### Welcome and Announcements

## Lighting of Advent Candle and Scripture Reading

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. —Isaiah 9.1–4

#### Introit

### \*Call to Worship: Psalm 145.1–13

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

\*Prayer of Invocation and Confession

\*Opening Hymn: #235 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

\*Hymn: #218 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

\*Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 7.11b-17

\*Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

Pastor: O Christians, what do you believe?

Congregation: We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. He descended into hell, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy universal and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*Hymn: #213 What Child Is This

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\*Doxology

Anthem of Musical Worship

Sermon Title: For Unto Us a Child Is Born

Isaiah 9.6–7 Rev. Dr. Martin Hawley

**Closing Prayer** 

\*Hymn: #195 Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

(Live Stream Ends)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

\*Benediction

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor

"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" John 12:13



They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.

Matt. 2:11



Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? Matt. 2:2



Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 98:4

