

Kathwood Baptist Church



THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

December 13, 2009

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Eleven o'clock

CALLED TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP...

Prelude

Carol of the Bells

Handbell Choir

Words of Welcome

Rev. Christina Whitehouse-Suggs

*Lighting the Candles

Acolytes

Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Orey Gracey

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Reader: We hear the voice of God through these words. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Invocation

Rev. Whitehouse-Suggs

Lighting the Advent Candle

Van and Alice Newman

*Hymn 78

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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SEEKING THE LORD...

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:2-6

Brie White

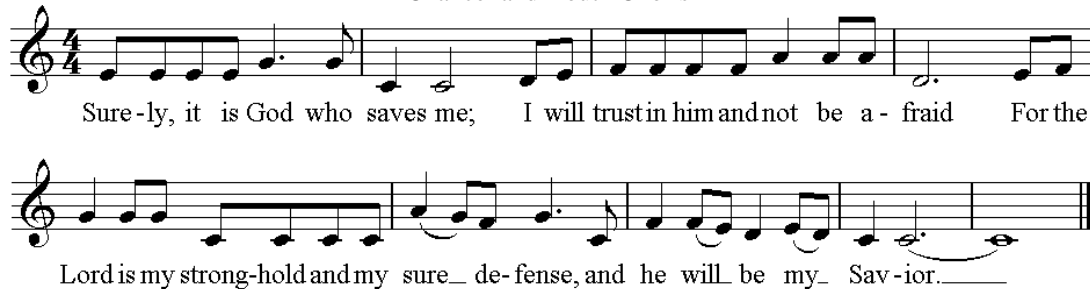
Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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Anthem

The First Song of Isaiah
Chancel and Youth Choirs

David Ashley White



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid For the
Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav-ior.

Call to Confession

Rev. Whitehouse-Suggs

Prayers of Confession (*silent*)

Congregation

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Whitehouse-Suggs

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

*Hymn 108

How Great Our Joy

JÜNGST

Offertory Prayer of Dedication

Debra Branson

Offertory

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

arr. Rex Koury

*Hymn 253

Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

HEARING, PROCLAIMING, AND CELEBRATING GOD'S WORD...

Anthem

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Shaw/Parker

New Testament Reading

Luke 3:7-18

Rev. Whitehouse-Suggs

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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Sermon

What Should We Do?

Rev. Whitehouse-Suggs

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD...

*Hymn 88

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

To make your faith in Christ, to join this church by baptism, transfer of letter or statement of faith or to pray with the pastor, please come forward.

DEPARTING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.

Benediction

Rev. Whitehouse-Suggs

*Hymn 252

Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

*Passing of the Peace: *The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.*

Congregation

*Organ Postlude

The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcello

Blue is the color of Advent, symbolizing expectation and hope.
During this season of expectation we draw inspiration from our collective hope of Christ's return.

Please join us for coffee, tea, and fellowship in the narthex following the service.