

candle of Joy



Grove Presbyterian Church

Worship Service

***Third Sunday in Advent
December 13, 2020 10:15 AM***

The congregation is invited to hum or read the text silently while the musicians sing the hymns and responses. Please be sure cell phones are off or on airplane mode. Please wear a mask.

Gathering Music arranged by Mark Hayes
"Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella"

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude by Robert Lau
"Ave, Ave, The Angel Sang"

Advent Candle Lighting

One: Grace and Peace to you, from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ

**All: We thank God every time we remember one
another.**

One: As we light the third advent candle, the candle
of joy, we remember the great joy that God has
given us through his salvation and assurance
of grace.

**All: We are joyfully confident that he who began
a good work in us will carry it to completion
until the day of Christ Jesus.**

Hymn of Praise

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“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Prayer of Confession

Grumble, grumble, grumble...it’s so easy to become frustrated in the world we live in. Sometimes it feels like nothing goes the way we want. We become frustrated at our lack of freedoms. But God, we know that finding joy is as simple as looking to you. We know it’s never you who let us down, but it’s our own expectations. We confess our need to look to you in the midst of our anger or fear. Help us, Lord, to find your joy!

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon

We are filled with great joy as we acknowledge your love for us.

Passing of the Peace (*air waves, no touching*)

Children’s Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:1-9

Sermon

“The Mad You Feel”

Lord’s Prayer

Deacons: Christian D. LaMotte, Cathy Lee Sanders, Kimberly Stamm, Karen A. Tinstman, Kathy W. Zakarian

Elders: Wendy Adelsberger, Eric Deeter, Michael N. Dugan, Kessey J. Kieselhorst,

Sending Hymn

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Blessing

Choral Blessing

by Daniel Charles Damon

Like a child born to pray, And to show us the way;

Like a child here to stay, Jesus comes.

Like a child we receive All that love can conceive

Like a child we believe, Jesus comes.

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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pen-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea.
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's policy, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Elders: Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you

share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Deacons: Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Questions for the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept these ministers as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the church?



**Flowers today are given by the Cooney Family
to the glory of God, with thanks for all of the helpers.**

Participants in today's service: David Betz (worship leader), Kessey Kieselhorst, Cathy Sanders (music), Rev. Judson Bennett (children's sermon), Scott Lawvere (audio/video), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper

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