

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 11, 2011  
Third Sunday in Advent

*“We come to celebrate God’s promises”*

Prelude

Work of the Church Dr. Moore

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship “Hope Surrounds Our Advent Season” *Stevens*

Acolyte Greeting Abby Shepard-Moore  
*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God’s people on earth. Alleluia!*

\*Hymn #107 “Oh, Come, Little Children” *Schulz*

\*Invocation & Lord’s Prayer Kris Hawkins  
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, forever, AMEN.

\*Gloria Patri #252  
Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen, amen.

*“To prepare for Christ’s coming”*

Testimony of Faith Mary Jane Osborne

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle Adult I Sunday School  
Call to Advent  
Come, O Advent God.  
Plant seeds of hope in us that we might be under the care  
of your green thumb forever.  
We wait with anticipation for the One whose coming is  
joyously good news and who offers abundant life.  
Restore us, O God, so that each root and shoot glorifies  
your faithfulness.  
Come, O Advent God.  
O.T. Scripture #572 Psalm 126  
Lighting the Third Advent Candle  
Collective Prayer  
Merciful God, loving Father,  
who protects us with wings of mercy  
who sent your Son to teach us to love all of our  
brothers and sisters;  
Make us merciful.  
Give us courage to go out of our comfortable places to the  
poor, the prisoner, the immigrant; to all who are seen  
as unlovable, unacceptable, or different.  
We give thanks for the Son that came to teach us to love  
others as he loved us. Amen.

N.T. Scripture#91 John 1:1-18  
Chorus “Light the Light, the Fire of Life” IL EST NE  
Light the light, the fire of life,  
let the candle reveal His glory.  
Jesus Christ has come to earth  
and for us shall come again.

Light the candle of His joy,  
light the light of shepherds’ coming,  
light the candle of His joy,  
light the light that shows the way.

Light the light, the fire of life,  
let the candle reveal His glory.  
Jesus Christ has come to earth  
and for us shall come again.

Morning Prayer Rev. Duncan

\*Hymn #488 “I’m Just a Child” *Kirkland*

Offertory & Offering

\*Choral Response #89  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

*“To proclaim Emmanuel”*

Anthem “How Quietly” *Raney*  
Children’s and Adult Choirs

Scripture Reading OT#691 Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Sermon “Poetic Beginnings” Dr. Tim Moore

*“To respond in faith”*

Call to Commitment

\*Hymn #98 “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” *Waltham*

\*Benediction

Postlude

\* If able, please stand.

The acolytes today are Erin Kennedy and Hannah & Abby Shepard-Moore.

The offertory is being played by Alcie Kreutzer today.

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Worship Staff**

Rev. Tillie Duncan, Rev. Mandy England Cole,  
Dr. Tim Moore, pastors;  
Rev. Becky Proctor, interim minister of music;  
Irena Hramenkova, pianist.

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## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

- Christmas Caroling will be Dec 18 from 5-7.
- Christmas Eve Worship will be at 6 PM, Dec 24 at the Sardis Meetinghouse.
- December 25<sup>th</sup> we will jointly worship with Sardis Presbyterian and Ben Salem Presbyterian at 11AM at Sardis Presbyterian Church. We will not gather for Sunday school that morning.
- The Church Office will be closed Dec 26 & 27.
- Deacons meet this evening at 6PM.
- Choir will not rehearse Dec 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Trustees will meet next on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Our next Taize Worship Service is planned for January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.
- Sign up in the vestibule to help with Room in the Inn! We host RITI next on January 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The Missions Committee is collecting used magazines, playing cards and individual sized soaps, shampoos, & tooth pastes for our RITI guests. Leave your donation in the marked bin in the vestibule.
- Sardis Academy Wednesday night programming begins again January 4<sup>th</sup> and continues Wednesdays in Jan through the 25<sup>th</sup>.

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*Everybody thinks of  
changing humanity,  
and nobody thinks of  
changing herself or himself.*  
*-Leo Tolstoy*

  
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