

“Mary’s Little Boy Child”
Sophie, Josie, Hailey, Cozette, & Chloe

Message
“The Joy of Anticipation”
Pastor Peter Choi

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Loree Johnson, Sam Martin, & Jade Melroy.

Happy Anniversary Fred & Joyce Will—46 years and
Doug & Diana Hammer—41 years.

Prayer List: Joe Hultquist, Marjorie Hultquist, Larry Anderson,
Merlin Beahm, Kent Verbeck, and Peggy Rasmussen.

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord’s Prayer

Bell Choir “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Youth Group “O Holy Night”

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, you have given us all that we have and all that we are. We thank you for the opportunity to respond to your love and generosity by sharing our gifts with others. Our hearts sing with joy as we work with you to bring true peace and justice to our world. As we prepare for the coming of your Son, may our lives proclaim your good news for all throughout the earth. Amen.

Acceptance of New Members

Closing Song “Go Tell It On The Mountain”

Benediction

Let the love of God flow into your hearts. Believe in the power of God to change your life. Behold the goodness of God in creation and in others. Be at peace and celebrate God’s good news. AMEN.

Sending Forth

Video



Welcome and Announcements

1. On December 24th, we will have two services— the fourth Sunday of Advent service at 10:00 am and Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm. Let us celebrate the birth of Jesus with carols, prayers, and candles. We look forward to sharing these moments of worship and fellowship with you.
2. If you'd like to volunteer as a scripture reader, usher, greeter, or refreshment host, please write your name on the clipboard in the back.
3. Join us for refreshments in room 300 following worship.

Third Sunday in Advent: Joy
TFWS 2092 “Like a Child” (Verse 3)

Call to Worship

L: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

P: Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.

L: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

P: Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.

L: Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

P: Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord, we have come to this place from a world of demands and schedules. We have sought hope and peace and have found them here. Now we seek the inner joy that only your presence can bring to our lives. Open our hearts and our spirits to your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Song “When I Think Upon Christmas”

Passing the Peace of Christ

Video

Christmas Skit “Just a Little Christmas”

Children’s Choir “Born to Bring Us Joy”

Children’s Bell Choir “Away in A Manger”
“Silent Night”

The Apostles’ Creed

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Scriptures

Shirley Fellers

Luke 1:39-56 (NIV)

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”

46 And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord

47and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

49for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.

50 His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful

55 to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”

56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and
then returned home.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.