December 13, 2020 - 9 AM Service

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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP
New London, New Hampshire

December 13, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent - JOY 9:00 a.m.
Prelude: “Pastoral Symphony” G.F. Handel

Welcome

Lighting the Advent Candle of JOY
Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord:
   All: Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Family of God, we gather around this Advent wreath to celebrate the presence of God among us. May the lighting of these candles reflect the light God kindles in our own hearts. Let us prepare to greet the birth of our savior Jesus, the Light of the world. Let us pray: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would blossom and waters would break forth in the wilderness. Bless us as we light the candles of this wreath. Strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. May he give water to all who thirst, for he is our light and salvation.

   All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.
(Philippians 4:4, 5)

Invocation & The Lord’s Prayer (“trespasses”)

   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.

Scripture Reading: John1:1-14

Hymn 184, “What Child Is This” GREENSLEEVES

Prayer

Hymn 190, “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” ES IST EIN ROS’
Sermon Reading: Psalm 126

Sermon: *Advent - JOY*

Hymn 236, “As With Gladness”  

Benediction

Postlude: “Come Now, Savior of the Gentiles”  

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Scripture Reading:  *John 1:1-14*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  2 He was with God in the beginning.  3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.  4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.  5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome\(^\text{[a]}\) it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John.  7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.  8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.  10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.  11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.  12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—  13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
What Child Is This

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own him;

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading,
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts en-throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the Virgin sings her lul-la-by;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

WORDS: William C. Dix (1837-1899)
MUSIC: English melody, 16th c.; arr. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871

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Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

1. Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
   of Jesse’s lineage coming as saints of old have sung.

2. Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
   with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.

3. This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
   dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.

It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
   To show God’s love a right she bore to us a Savior,

To True man yet very God, from sin and death he saves us and lightens every load.
   when half spent was the night.
Sermon Reading: Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of[a] Zion,
   we were like those who dreamed.[b]
2 Our mouths were filled with laughter,
   our tongues with songs of joy.
Then it was said among the nations,
   “The LORD has done great things for them.”
3 The LORD has done great things for us,
   and we are filled with joy.
4 Restore our fortunes,[c] LORD,
   like streams in the Negev.
5 Those who sow with tears
   will reap with songs of joy.
6 Those who go out weeping,
   carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
   carrying sheaves with them.
As with Gladness

1 As with gladness men of old did the guiding
   star behold; as with joy they hailed its light,
   leading onward, beam ing bright, so, most gracious
   Lord, may we ever more your splendor see.

2 As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly
   manger bed, there to bend the knee before
   him whom heaven and earth adore, so, may we with
   willing feet ever seek the mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare at that manger
   rude and bare, so may we with holy joy,
   pure and free from sin’s alloy, all our costliest
   treasures bring, Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

4 Ho ly Jesus, every day keep us in the
   narrow way; and when earthly things are past,
   bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no
   star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

WORDS: William C. Dix (1837-1898), alt.
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)
Our Worship Leaders this morning are
Rev. Charles Glidewell, Pastor
David Chaves, Director of Music
Jonathan Fowler, Soloist
Steven Hunt, Camera

Usher
Cathy Ellis, Deacon

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BIBLE STUDY/FELLOWSHIP/PRAYER GROUP
There is a Tuesday evening Bible study/Fellowship/Prayer group meeting from 6:30-7:30 pm in the church library. Questions? Please contact Clare Ketteler at cketteler@tds.net or 763-3082.