

The Worship of God
Sunday, December 17, 2017

The Third Sunday of Advent – The Pink Candle of Joy

Life doesn't have to be perfect to be filled with joy. If our joy is honest, it will even be present in trouble and pain. Lewis Smedes wrote: "To miss out on joy is to miss out on the reason for your existence." As you prepare for worship, think about the ways you have been experiencing the joy of Advent; or in what ways have you been missing out on the joy of the journey to Bethlehem? Even with questions, fears, and trouble, Mary didn't miss the joy.

Prelude Beverly Warren

Faces & Places of First Baptist Church

Welcome & T.V. Ministry Outreach Phil Christopher

Time of Greeting *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* CH 258

Congregational Call to Worship *Emmanuel* CH 243

Lighting of the Advent Candle Bill & Jonie Wood
Allan & Linda Frizzell

Children's Christmas Worship *Come, Emmanuel* Combined Children's Choirs

Glory in the Highest Music Makers &
Music Explorers Choirs

Glory! Young Musicians Choir

*Come to the Manger/
Go Tell It on the Mountain* Combined Children's
Choirs

Song of Our Worship *How Great Is Our God*

Morning Prayer Keith Post

Message in Song *Christmas Sanctus* Youth Choir

Song of Our Worship *Angels from the Realms of Glory* CH 259

God's Eternal Word for Us Today *Luke 1:26-38* Teresa Ellis
Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Offertory Prayer Bob Ellis

Offertory *The First Noel* Sanctuary Choir
Erin Weber, violin

Message from God's Word Phil Christopher
Surprise: Joy Shows Up in Times of Trouble

Invitation *Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord* CH 664

Continuing Acts of Worship Mike Greenfield

Recognition of Decisions C. V. Blake

Benediction *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* CH 258

Postlude Beverly Warren

Instrumentalist: Beverly Warren, piano

*The flowers today are given in celebration of the 2nd anniversary of
Linda & Jack Chisholm.*