



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Service of Worship December 13, 2020 10:00am
3rd Sunday of Advent

Gathering

PRELUDE

Carrie DeVries, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SINGING

“Trading My Sorrows”

Evans

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Pat Smithson

HYMN

“Light the Advent Candle, Three”
(vs. 3 and refrain)

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

**Light the Advent candle three
Think of joy for you and me.
Christ child in a stable born
Gift of love that Christmas morn.**
Chorus:
**Candle, candle burning bright
Shining in the cold winter night
Candle, candle burning bright
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

A TIME WITH STEWART

ADVENT PRAYER (*video*)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you and all others!

SINGING "Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)" Handel/Tomlin/Cash/Gilder

Equipping

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 4:4–7 (NRSV)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:39–46 (Common English Bible)

Mary got up and hurried to a city in the Judean highlands. She entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. With a loud voice she blurted out, "God has blessed you above all women, and he has blessed the child you carry. Why do I have this honor, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. Happy is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill the promises he made to her." Mary said, "With all my heart I glorify the Lord!

ANTHEM "Joy (He Shall Reign)" Weaver/Wood/Farren/Davis
Praise Team

SERMON "From Sharing Cookies to Sharing Joy" Rev. Sue Trigger

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Unspeakable Joy” (reprise)

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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