



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY DECEMBER 11, 2022

WE ARE GATHERED AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE "MAGNIFICAT PRIMO TONO" NO. 1 BY PACHELBEL

WELCOME & THREE CHIMES

* ADVENT INTROIT 83 (G2G) "COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS" VS 1

* CALL TO WORSHIP LITURGIST: GARLAND SNYDER

Leader: Advent is a time of waiting, anticipating, and preparing!

All: But Jesus already came long ago in Bethlehem...

Leader: Yes, he was born in Bethlehem, but he must be born in us as well.

All: Why must he be born in us? Is this something God requires in order to love us?

Leader: No. God loves us- period! Christ is born in us so his kingdom can come to us.

All: So, God's Kingdom enters the world by Jesus living in us, among us and through us?

Leader: Yes, Jesus being born in Bethlehem long ago did not completely transform the world, but it did make it possible for Christ to be born in you and me, and everyone else in the world.

All: Are you saying he must be born in us so we are saved from Hell?

Leader: No, he must be born in us to set free us from the fear and sin that prevents us from living into God's kingdom of love and care for all.

**All: So: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring!**

* OPENING HYMN #2 (PH) "COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS"

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

This morning, the Gonda family is lighting the Advent Candle for us.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 88 (G2G) "O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL" VS 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Liturgist: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.
Please return to your seats during the singing of our Fellowship Verse –

HYMN 92 (G2G) “WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME” (1ST VERSE ONLY)

While we are waiting come, While we are waiting come,
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, While we are waiting, come.

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

MUSICAL MEDITATION “O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL” BY J.F. WADE

PLAYED BY ROSE RUN PRESBYTERIAN HANDBELL CHOIR- STEPHANIE DINSMORE, DIRECTOR

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG SAINTS “THE ADVENT CHEER” & CHRISMONS

FIRST LESSON FROM SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 1:18-25

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND LESSON FROM SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 35:3-10

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SERMON “WE CAN CHOOSE A BETTER WAY”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (WRITTEN BY REV SARAH ARE SPEED PCUSA)

**We believe in a God who offers second chances
and does not hold grudges.**

**We believe in a God who opens the door to new life
and leaves the porch light on for us when we get lost.**

**We believe in a God who believes in us—
believes that we can make a difference,
that we can choose grace over comparison,
love over hate,
peace over war.**

And so we strive to live our lives in love.

**We strive to listen as Joseph listened,
and to be the people that God calls us to be.**

It’s all that easy, and it’s all that hard.

This we believe. Amen.

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

Joining Mary’s joyful song, our souls proclaim the greatness of the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior. With humble and grateful hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

“GLORIA” REFRAIN FROM “ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH” (G2G) 113

* BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Holy God, your love is magnified in the life of your Son, whom you so freely share with us. Bless these gifts to lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with good; in Christ's name. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE: 84 (G2G) "CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT"

Creator of the stars of night, Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, We pray you hear us when we call.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD AS CHRIST'S PARTNERS

* SENDING HYMN 12 (PH) "PEOPLE LOOK EAST"

* THE CHARGE

Wherever you go, God is sending you.
Wherever you are, God is there working for good.
Christ who dwells in you has something he wants to do there
With you and those you meet on the way.
Believe this and go in his grace, and his love, and his power.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE "MAGNIFICAT TERTIO TONO" No. 3 BY PACHELBEL

* Indicates when we invite the congregation to stand if able.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

MATTHEW 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus. ¹

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

ISAIAH 35:3-10

- ³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
- ⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”
- ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
- ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
- ⁸ A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
- ⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
- ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

¹ [The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version](#) (Mt 1:18–25). (1989). Thomas Nelson Publishers.

WELCOME TO ROSE RUN PRESBYTERIAN

Welcome to Rose Run! After the service, please join us for a time of Fellowship.

Whether you are just visiting or a long-time member, you are welcome to participate in any or all of our activities. There are opportunities here to feed your soul, strengthen your faith, and expand your spirit. You never know — you just might be home!

Prayer requests: Our Deacons pray for our members, our friends and our world each week. For prayer requests, contact a deacon or email deacons@roserunpresbyterian.org.

Adult Christian Education: THE PRESENT WORD is an Adult Bible Study which follows the Uniform Bible. Please contact Carl Levander (clevander50@gmail.com)

Christian Education for Children: If you have school-age children and are interested in learning about our ministries with children, please contact Elizabeth Gonda (gonda.1@napls.us) or introduce yourself during our Fellowship after worship this morning.

THIS WEEK AT ROSE RUN PRESBYTERIAN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

THE PRESENT WORD: Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Worship – Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship – *Fellowship Hall* 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

Deacons Meeting 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

THE PRESENT WORD: Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Worship – Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
Xmas Cookie Fellowship – Fellowship Hall 11:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE – INVITE YOUR “NEIGHBORS”

Candlelight Worship Service 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25– CHRISTMAS DAY NO WORSHIP SERVICE

UPCOMING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will be in the Lobby until next Sunday, with decorations identifying items needed by Franklin County Children’s Services to help provide gifts for more than 6500 children served by this agency. (childrenservices.franklincountyohio.gov)



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Today is the last day to order your Poinsettias for the Sanctuary. Cost is \$8.50 for each 6” pot. Forms are available in Narthex. Please complete the form, deposit in the Offering Box in the Narthex, along with a check made payable to RRPC. The flowers will be in the Sanctuary for worship on Sunday December 18 and can be taken home after worship on Christmas Eve.

THE SESSION – THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

Class of 2022: Sheila Phillips Kevin Lee Ronnie Robinson
Class of 2023: LeeAnne Perrea – Clerk David Wallace
Class of 2024: Shirley Blair Mark Koenig

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2022: Connor Berry Kathy Denison, Co-Moderator Jeff Short
Class of 2023: Danielle Jeffers Sandy Manos
Class of 2024: Janet Fallon Jan Hale, Co-Moderator



*We extend a heartfelt welcome to our guests today;
Our worship is richer for your presence.
Please join us for a time of fellowship after worship.*

*Rose Run Presbyterian Church is a congregation
of the Presbyterian Church (USA), established
September 18, 2018 by the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.*

*We are committed to include all persons to worship, teach, serve and lead in order to
bring the love of Christ to our community.*

CHURCH STAFF

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