

# STOCKHOLM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent /

Sunday School Christmas Program

December 16, 2018

## GATHERING

\*\*Page and hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal ("Worship")\*\*

GATHERING MUSIC Carol Barnaal

WELCOME

SONG "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 1-3) # 257

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH (Three candles):

("Emmanuel means "God who is with us.")

P: At every beginning there is a yearning for the one is coming on the Last Day. O Emmanuel,

**C: Open us up to your coming.**

P: We gather together to allow our deeply held hopes to be reshaped by God's promises. O Emmanuel,

**C: Open us up to your coming.**

P: We wait for the day when God will make for us a future that is no longer filled with fear. O Emmanuel,

**C: Open us up to your coming.**

P: We wait for the day when we truly desire God's will over our own will, and we rely on God's justice and mercy to make his will truly happen. O Emmanuel,

**C: Open us up to your coming.**

P: Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of these candles, whose flames bring warmth to winter and fill this place with the glow of hope.

**All: Amen.**

SONG "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (v. 1-3) # 275

## WORD OF GOD

BIBLE READING Zephaniah 3:14-20

GOOD NEWS OF JESUS Luke 3:7-18

CHILDREN'S TIME

MESSAGE Rev. Mark Little

## RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

SONG "The First Noel" (v.1, 3, 5) # 300

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO JESUS

OFFERING SONG "What Child Is This?" (v. 1, 3) # 296

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(P: Lord, in your mercy; **C: Hear our prayer.**)

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BLESSING

SONG "Joy to the World" (v. 1-2) # 267

SENDING

P: Go in Peace! Be light for the world!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

SENDING MUSIC Carol Barnaal

TRANSITION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

**Welcome to all who gather here for Worship** this morning! We give a special welcome to you if you are a guest with us today! Please worship with us again soon! If you are in search of a new church home, please contact Pastor Mark.

**PRAYER CONCERNS** – Karen Anderson, Duane Berglund, Tina Geistfeld, Nora Klima, Barb Lee, Stephanie Mattila, Kermit Moen, Eleanor Olson, Annie Reinhold (pre-mature infant, great-niece of Bruce and Peggy Carlson), Jonathon Ryan, Kerry Schmiesing, and those serving in the armed forces as we pray for peace.

**GOD'S WORD TO KEEP IN YOUR HEART:** "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice!" (Paul, in Philippians, chapter 4, verse 4)

**THANK YOU** to Frank and Andrea Patterson for lighting the candles on the Advent wreath this morning. The lit candles on the wreath assist us as we ponder the work of God in past salvation history. They help us to be alert and watchful for the time when he comes again to take his people to their heavenly home.

**CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL WORSHIP** will be held Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 pm. There will be wonderful special music, singing of all the beloved Christmas songs, and hearing the wonderful Christmas message of God's bringing Love to earth in Jesus! Join us and be blessed!

**CAROL SERVICE** Worship on December 30 will be a Carol Service, with the whole service being Christmas Bible readings interspersed with many Christmas carols / hymns. It is a wonderful service and one more time to sing all the songs you love!

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**AUDIO-VISUAL (A-V) PROJECT** The Church Council has decided to designate future Noisy Offerings and "He-Brews" Coffee time proceeds toward the Audio-Visual Project for our sanctuary. This designation will take place for the foreseeable future. The A-V Project will include a new projector, audio equipment, etc. which will be available for worship services and various events throughout the year.

**BAPTISMAL CELEBRATION** Sunday, January 6, 2019, we will all remember and celebrate our baptisms at our regular worship service! We will praise God for his wonderful choosing of us to be his people, that we are his co-workers in this world, and that we are blessed daily by our baptism.

**ANNUAL MEETING – SUBMIT REPORTS / FINANCIAL BOOKS** The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 20. Please start planning to **prepare your reports** for that meeting. If possible, submit your reports by email or on a flash drive (or find a special "someone" who would do it for you).

**STOCKHOLM CHOIR** will be practicing after worship today!

