

# WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

ORGAN PRELUDE  
(11:00 am only)

“What Child is This”  
“Let All Mortal Flesh”  
“Sing We Now of Christmas”

arr. Owens  
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN (Remain Seated)

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Hyfrydol

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts a lone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

UNISON PRAYER

**Dear God, we carry many burdens and worry over many things. Help us to hear your promise in this Advent season, that in hearing, we may receive the Spirit's gift of joy. And may our spirits be kept sound at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“To the World, Joy!”

Joel Raney

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using sins)

*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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“What Child Shall Come?”

arr. Patrick Liebergen

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:20

Matthew 28:20

MESSAGE

“Fire”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

HYMN (Remain Seated)

“Away in a Manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes: I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee thee.

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF THE LIGHT

(11:00 AM ONLY)

POSTLUDE

“In Thee is Gladness”

arr. Greene

MUSIC TODAY is provided by organist and pianist Michele Sandberg, percussionist David Dorn, the Epworth Handbell Ringers, and Jon and Nettie Swart.

Ruth Nelson the 8:00 am pianist.

PEDESTAL FLOWERS are in loving memory our parents; Elton Wenzel, Brigitte & Larry Roberts, Jan Redick and Coralee Utegg given by Marty and Coralee Wenzel.

ADVENT READERS TODAY are Phyllis Wright 8:00 AM.

Dusky and Dick Merenick 11:00 AM.

ACOLYTES today are Peyton Cabisca and Grace Carr.

CARILLONNEUR is Ruth Nelson

GREETERS are Barb Hill 8:00 AM and Mary and Rich Schall 11:00 AM.

PRAYER CONCERNS can be found in our weekly email Newsletter.

USHER—Tom Giegerich

CHRISTMAS PRAYER Our young adult Sunday school class has set up a prayer tree. It is located on the bulletin board outside the Director of Student Ministries office. If you would like others to pray for you, please sign up. This unique way of signing up involves ornaments. The ornaments will be on a small table near the bulletin board. Please sanitize before you sign the ornament, hang it on the tree and sanitize again. If you would like to pray for someone else, please take an ornament from the tree, and pray for that person this Christmas season. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN –Thank you from the Finance Committee to all those who returned your Pledge Card for 2021. Because of you we can plan for our future. If you have not yet returned your card, please return yours to the church office so we can all be ***Faithful Together.***

COLLEGE STUDENTS If you were a scholarship recipient, remember to turn in your first semester grades to receive your second scholarship disbursement.

Offering plates **WILL NOT** be passed during worship but instead will be available at the door.

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