Mentor United Methodist Church  
December 16, 2018  
Third Sunday of Advent  
The liturgical color is purple, signifying our penitence and the royalty of Christ.

GATHERING

Prelude  “Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”     J. S. Bach  
Amy Bender, organist

Lighting of the Candles

Presentation of God's Holy Word

Please sign and pass the attendance pad that you find at the end of each pew.  
If you are joining us for the first time today, please complete the blue sheet.

Welcome & Announcements  
Rev. Kurt Landerholm

Lighting Of The Advent Candle

Third Sunday -  
On this third Sunday of Advent, we consider the overwhelming love of God, who called out for Himself a people from this earth to know Him and live in relationship with Him. He was not willing to share us with other false gods, but He wanted our heart for His own, so He sent us His Son, Jesus, the Word of God Made Flesh, Jealous love for us Spoke through His every action.

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” – Luke 10:27

Today, we re-light the candle of expectant hope and disruptive joy, and we light the candle of love, remembering that we are empowered to love God with our whole being because God has first loved us.

* Hymn 211 (VS. 3)  “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!”  VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O Come, Great Lord of might, who to they tribes on Sinai’s height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

* Prayer (unison)

God, we have learned to love from being loved by you. And so today, let us enact that love. Let us live that love. We know that what the world needs now is more love. We need to remember how much you love each one of us and we must share that love with others. Amen.

* Opening Hymn 204  “Emmanuel, Emmanuel!”  McGee

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Presentations of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

* Doxology  

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 242  “Love Came Down at Christmas”  GARTAN

Choir Cantata
The Glory of Christmas
Celebrating Christ’s Birth

Music by Lloyd Larson with Orchestration by Ed Hogan

Mentor United Methodist Church Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Amy Bender, Director

Painesville United Methodist Church Choir
Fritz Streiff, Director

Liese Vito and Ken Vito
Narrators

(We ask that you hold your applause for the very end of the Cantata. Thank you.)

The Glory of Christmas
Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning
Prepare the Way of the Lord!
Child of Promise, Child of Love
Jesus Is Born Tonight!
Christ Is Born This Holy Night
Guide Us to the Perfect Light
The Glory of Christmas! Finale

The Orchestra
Flute: Judy Elias, Heather Rice
Oboe: Sydnee Webb
Clarinet: Tracy Paroubek, Debbie Deal
Bassoon: Carol Chenoweth
French Horn: Wendy Rhoads, David Fram
Trumpet: Amanda Alafi, Olivia Shelton, Ben McMurtrie
Trombone: Melissa Lichtler, Patricia Humphrey
Tuba: Brad Leyrer
Percussion: Laurie Kunes, Jake Szabo, Rachel Beller
Piano: Sharyl Verbsky
Violin: Stephen Blauch, Maria Vinas
Viola: Kira Kosatka
Cello: Elizabeth Weaver
Double Bass: Jacob Kaminski

SENDING FORTH

* Pastoral Benediction
* Postlude “Concerto in a minor” Vivaldi
* Members of the congregation stand if able.

Altar flowers are presented by Diane and Andy Champa in appreciation of new grandchild, Parker Nicholas.

If you would like to order flowers in memory of loved ones, to celebrate an anniversary, or offer them to the Glory of God, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440-255-5899.
Flowers are needed for January 27.

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