

DECEMBER 15, 2019 THE WORSHIP OF GOD 10:45 AM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Jason W. Crosby

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

INTROIT

*Go, Tell It On The Mountain*

GO TELL IT

Crescent Hill Youth; Louie Bailey, conductor, Bobbie Thomason, piano

Soloists: Sanier Moo, August Moo, Eh The Moo Po, Lue The Dah Thaw

REFRAIN: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.

Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens there came a holy light. REFRAIN

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. REFRAIN

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn! REFRAIN

INVOCATION

Jordan Conley

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Aurora Rose Hala

Baptismal Vows

Candidate: Jesus Christ is Lord.

Minister: Hear now the pledge of your family of faith.

**People: Jesus Christ is Lord. We rejoice with you. We will pray for you.  
And we will walk with you in the way of Jesus.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 146

*Joy To The World! The Lord Has Come*

ANTIOCH

GLOBAL MISSION MOMENT

Melanie Claypool

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

Eh Nay Thaw

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 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."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 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; 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. 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. 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. 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.

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

ADVENT LITANY OF JOY

The birth of Christ brought forth into the darkness of this world a great light.

**Thanks be to God.**

In Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, we find our greatest joy.

**Thanks be to God.**

Our Savior, however, promised to come again to fully redeem humanity and creation.

**Thanks be to God.**

This Advent season may we celebrate gifts already found in Christ and faithfully anticipate God's gifts yet to come.

**May we prepare the way.**

SONG AND PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF JOY

*When God Is A Child*

Joan Collier Fogg

Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright.

*Refrain:* When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong.  
And none shall be afraid.

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth. *Refrain*

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn, telling the world that the Savior is born. *Refrain*

Brian Wren, ©1989 in *Bring Many Names*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Andrea V. Woolley

THE MUSIC OF CHILDREN

*The Friendly Beast*

12<sup>th</sup> CENTURY CAROL

Soloists: Brooks Crosby, Rose Hala, August Hala, Millie Lou Crosby

Jesus our brother, kind and good, was humbly born in a stable rude,  
And the friendly beasts around Him stood. Jesus our brother kind and good.

"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown, "I carried His mother up hill and down;  
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town. "I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

"I," said the cow, all white and red, "I gave Him my manger for a bed;  
I gave Him my hay to pillow his head. "I," said the cow, all white and red.

"I," said the sheep with curly horn, "I gave Him my wool for His blanket warm;  
He wore my coat on Christmas morn. "I," said the sheep with curly horn.

"I," said the dove from the rafters high, "Cooed Him to sleep that He should not cry;  
We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I. "I," said the dove from the rafters high.

Thus every beast, by some good spell, in the stable dark was glad to tell  
Of the gifts they gave Emmanuel, the gifts they gave Emmanuel.

\*HYMN OF JOY

*My Soul Gives Glory To My God*

MORNING SONG

My soul gives glory to my God, My heart pours out its praise.  
God lifted up my lowliness. In many marvelous ways.

My God has done great things for me: Yes, holy is this Name.  
All people will declare me blessed, And blessings they shall claim.

From age to age to all who fear, Such mercy love imparts,  
Dispensing justice far and near, Dismissing selfish hearts.

Love casts the mighty from their thrones, Promotes the insecure,  
Leaves hungry spirits satisfied; The rich seem suddenly poor.

Praise God, whose loving covenant. Supports those in distress,  
Remembering past promises. With present faithfulness.

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

HERE IS YOUR GOD

Brittani M. Bair

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jason W. Crosby

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

You are invited to make an offering of your gifts as well as a silent offering of yourself.

CHORAL OFFERING

*Good Christian Friends Rejoice*  
Chancel Choir; June Bailey, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano

IN DULCI JUBILO  
arr. John Leavitt

\*ADVENT DOXOLOGY

*O Source Of Joy, The Giver And The Gift*

VENI EMMANUEL

O Source of Joy, the Giver and the Gift, with glad and gen'rous hearts we now uplift  
Our voices in eternal praise, for all your gifts that crown our days.  
O Lord, our God, our hearts to thee are bound to share your peace with people all around. Amen.  
Louie Bailey, Advent 2012

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND COMMUNITY

We gladly welcome all who desire to unite with the community of faith at Crescent Hill Baptist Church  
to come forward during the Hymn of Response and share that decision with the minister.

Jason W. Crosby

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 174

*Angels From The Realms Of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

\*BENEDICTION

Brittani M. Bair

\*SILENCE

\*POSTLUDE

*Morning Reflections*

Louie Bailey

- Worshipers are invited to rise, in body or spirit.
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- We invite those who wish to be baptized or join the church to share that decision with the church near the conclusion of worship. However, if you would prefer to explore baptism or church membership privately, the ministers would be glad to discuss those decisions with you following worship.

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