

**ST. JOHN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY WORSHIP    DECEMBER 13, 2020    11:00 AM  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
REV. ADRIAN SCOTT**

**Prelude**

St. John Band

**Call to Worship** (responsive)

Brothers and sisters, come, let us worship God who gives light to see the way.

**Come, let us worship God who gives hope to walk in faith.**

Come, let us worship God who came as a helpless child.

**Come, let us worship God!**

**Advent Candle Lighting**

Kathy Lindblad

**Invocation and 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.**

**\*Song of Praise**

"Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"

(on screen)

**\*Responsive Reading**    1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances,  
**for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

Do not quench the Spirit.

**Do not despise prophecies,**

but test everything, hold fast what is good.

**Abstain from every form of evil.**

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

(on screen)

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**    2 Corinthians 9:7

**\*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Anthem**

"Born Neath A Star"

Choir

**Scripture Reading**  
**Sermon**

Luke 2:10-11; Galatians 5:22-23; Philippians 4:4  
"Christian's Joy"

Rev. Adrian Scott

**Call to Confession:** "You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you." (Psalm 86:5) Dear friends, the Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our sins, and not to conceal them in the presence of God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a penitent and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his boundless goodness and mercy.

**Silent Confession and Personal Reflection**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness:** Our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness: "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people." (Titus 2:11)

**\*Closing Song**

"Glorious Day"

(on screen)

**Doxology (responsive)**

May you live this week with an eternal perspective.

**Live as if God has come among us, because he has.**

Live as if God has revealed himself to you  
**and called you to love and good works—  
because he has.**

Live in anticipation of the reconciliation of all creation to God—because it is coming. Live as if your life depended upon God's grace—because it does.

**And live to celebrate the advent of our Messiah,  
Jesus Christ, praising the name of the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Go in peace and live the church (Vox Veniae, ("Voice of Forgiveness"))*

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

St. John Band

**\*Those who are able are asked to stand.  
(English Standard Version is used unless otherwise noted.)**