Duke Memorial United Methodist Church
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SERVICE OF THE WORD
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 15, 1996

TOWER BELLS
WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.
10:55 a.m.

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

GATHERING
“Silent Night”
arr. Betty Garee

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING
O come, let us adore him —
WHOSE COMING WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE PROPHETS.
O come, let us adore him —
WHOSE MESSAGE WAS PROCLAIMED BY THE ANGELS.
O come, let us adore him —
WHOSE GLORY WAS HAILED BY THE SHEPHERDS.
O COME LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST THE LORD.

DEDICATION OF HANDBELLS

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Joy to the World”
arr. Betty Garee

The cross and light precede us from the world into the sanctuary and from the sanctuary into the world.
The cross symbolizes the triumph of Christ. The light signifies God's presence with us.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 213 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” TRURO

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE
Isaiah 35:10
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.

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy.
May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.
REJOICE! REJOICE!
EMMANUEL SHALL COME TO THEE, O ISRAEL!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

LORD, OPEN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BY THE POWER OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT, AS THE SCRIPTURES ARE READ AND YOUR WORD PROCLAIMED, WE MAY HEAR WITH JOY WHAT YOU SAY TO US TODAY. AMEN.
EPISTLE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

*PSALTER NO. 847 (Response 2) Psalm 126

*HYMN NO. 206 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” HOUSTON

*GOSPEL LESSON John 1:6-8, 19-28

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD THROUGH MUSIC (see insert) On This Day, Rejoice!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PARISH CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “In Quiet Joy” (Chorale and Duetto) J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY NO. 94 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 240 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” MENDELSSOHN

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “O Come, Let Us Adore Him” ADESTE FIDELES

*GOING FORTH

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY “In Quiet Joy” J. S. Bach

Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins.

*Congregation is invited to stand.

WELCOME: You are warmly welcomed to Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. Please sign the registration pad when it is passed to you. As it returns, note who is seated on your pew so you may speak to them after the service. Visitors, please give us your address so that we may share additional information about Duke Memorial with you.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED. FM SOUND ENHANCEMENT PERSONAL RECEIVERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED. PLEASE ASK ANY USHER FOR ASSISTANCE.
THE GENERAL RULE OF DISCIPLESHIP

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings, through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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