

LAKE HAMILTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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THE LORD'S DAY

December 12, 2021

The Third Sunday of Advent



PRELUDE

Dr. Tom Bolton, Minister of Music

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & INVOCATION

Dr. Charles F. DeVane, Jr., Pastor

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. 10 Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." 11 So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." 12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

— *Nehemiah 8:9-12, ESV*

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And also to you!

OPENING HYMN 224

"Joy to the World" (Isaac Watts, 1719)

ADVENT SONG

Light the light, the fire of life Let the candle reveal His glory.
Jesus Christ has come to earth And for us shall come again.

Light the candle of His joy, Light the light of shepherds' coming,
Light the candle of His joy, Light the light that shows the way.

Light the light, the fire of life Let the candle reveal His glory.
Jesus Christ has come to earth And for us shall come again.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Ronnie & Barbara Black

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

"Joy"

Gary Griffin, Elder

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

— *Philippians 4:4-7, ESV*

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HYMN 237

"Joy Has Dawned upon the World" (Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2008)

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, you heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
Dr. Bolton

SERMON

“God and Us”
Pastor Chuck

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

— *Isiah 7:14, ESV*

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

— *Matthew 1:18-23, ESV*

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

If you are a baptized Christian and would like to share in Holy Communion, please take one of the sealed bread/cup sets in front of you. Please touch only the one you use and put the empty cup back in its place.

CLOSING HYMN 216

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (Charles Wesley, 1744)

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Tommy & Anna Venters

BENEDICTION

Michael Aaron Koen, Pastoral Intern

OFFERING

Members can place regular offerings and visitors can return welcome cards in the offering plates located near the foyer.