

Affton Presbyterian Church

Calling, equipping and sending people to experience life through Jesus Christ

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December 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

↑Call to Worship

The day of the Lord is surely coming;
the promise of God will be fulfilled.

Song

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

#9, vs 2

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!**
Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

↑Hymn #18

“The Desert Shall Rejoice”

Prayer of Confession

God of abundance, you greet us in joy and call us favored. We confess that we do not always greet the news of your kingdom in the same joy, for we get stuck on the seeming impossibilities you promise. We live desert lives, ignoring your living water and abundant blooming. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may greet with joy the arrival of Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

↑Response

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

#4, vs 4

↑Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:46-55

Sermon

↑Hymn #48

“Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming”

↑Affirmation of Faith

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Offering

↑Response of Praise

“Doxology”

↑Prayer of Dedication

Desert-blooming God, you have made us and all things to serve you with gladness. With these gifts we return to you, establish in us a new attentiveness to your Spirit, so that we may rejoice as we watch for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

↑Hymn GTG #100

“The Canticle of the Turning”

↑Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The people serving you...

Musician: Lynette Milles
Liturgist: Betty Greaves
Pastor: Rev. Hannah Zyla

Please remember in your prayers...

Gerry Blades, Jean Bush, Bill Campey, Barb Cavicchia, Joanne Goin, Marian Lloyd, Joe Maze, Elmer Nesselhauf, Wanda O'Neal, and Mary Philips

Getting in touch with the pastor:

If you are a visitor wanting to know more about Affton Presbyterian Church, a lifelong member looking for information or care, or just want to say hello, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Hannah Zyla. She would be happy to meet and talk with you at your convenience.

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ZOOM Instructions for homebound:

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or call 312-626-6799 and when prompted.

enter the Meeting ID: 942 617 477 (followed by #).

When asks for a Participant ID number, dial #.

*On the phone, dial *6 to mute or unmute yourself.*

If asked for a password, enter 3410.