

3rd Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020
John Willingham preaching, Roberta Kearney assisting

Prelude "Advent Fantasy" Judy Phillips
Joyful Bells

Words of Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn 93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" TRURO

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, Christ is coming: your kingdom is drawing near.
As we prepare the way for the Prince of Peace,
help us abandon wayward wanderings and return to faithful paths.
Renew our minds and transform our hearts,
that our lives might bear the fruit of compassion and care.
Baptize us with your Spirit, and claim us again for your holy work,
until you come in glory.

(Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Scripture Lesson: Revelation 3:7-13

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Time with the Children

Sermon "Waiting on the Key"
"These are the words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David —Revelation 3:7

The Baptism of Nicholas Isaac Hoffman Elder Representative: Jonathan Craig
Presentation of the Baptismal Candidate
Renunciation and Profession of Faith
Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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.

Offertory	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" String Ensemble	arr. Jack Bullock
Prayer of Dedication		
Hymn 363	"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" (verses 3 and 4)	DARWALL'S 148 th
Benediction		
Postlude	"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"	arr. Elizabeth Hill

The **sympathy of the congregation** is extended to the loved ones of Mary Lou Rettstatt on her death; and to Tom Roth on the death of his brother, John Roth, on December 7. We hold these families in prayer in their time of loss.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is administered today to Nicholas Isaac Hoffman, son of Michele and Henry Hoffman.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of Edison Eater by the Lengel family.

Lighting the Advent Wreath this morning are Jayden Morris and Gavin Richards, both of whom serve as youth elders. Jayden is a senior at Central Bucks West, active in the youth program and has volunteered for Caring for Friends and the Community Meal. Gavin is senior at Pennridge and has been active in the youth program, mission opportunities, and the Nominating Committee.

Special thanks to Laura Mendelson for serving as Lay Leader today and to the members of Joyful Bells and the DPC String Ensemble for sharing their musical gifts with us.

Liturgy notes. Today's prayer of confession is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, volume 53.1, p. 16.

The Session has called for a **Congregational Meeting** to take place via Zoom **today** at 10:30 am. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the following members as an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee: Scott Blore, Megan Craig, Melissa Hauser, Gavin Jones, Matt Rizk (moderator), Sharon Sager, Lindsay Shull, and Margaret Thoresen. We encourage you to join us for this online gathering. **Direct link:** bit.ly/3I2CorZ
Meeting ID: 883 6020 7630 **Passcode:** 194974

Virtual Christmas Eve Family Pageant. We are asking families to take pictures of your children (and other family members) enacting the story of Jesus' birth. Share as many jpg photos as you'd like, featuring your children from preschool to middle school age to the Dropbox link found within this simplified list of suggested scenes: bit.ly/2W4RK5b We ask that you send photos by **tomorrow** so we can begin to prepare the prerecorded pageant.

DPC's Advent Mission Market is still live online! Visit bit.ly/2Trkm7s to learn about all the ways you can help those in need during this Advent season!