



Sunday Worship – December 16, 2018

St. Andrew's Stittsville

Welcome & Announcements

"Long ago, prophets knew" # 121 - 1

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
Come to make all things new,
Bear all people's burden,
Freely love and pardon.

*Ring bells ring, ring, ring!
Sing choirs sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
who will make him welcome?*

"Long ago, prophets knew" # 121 - 2

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

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who will make him welcome?*

"Long ago, prophets knew" # 121 - 3

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
She believed; she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid
Till the time expected,
Nurtured and protected.

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When he comes, when he comes,
who will make him welcome?*

"Long ago, prophets knew" # 121 - 4

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlehem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar:
Unborn son of Mary,
Saviour do not tarry!

Ring bells ring, ring, ring!

Sing choirs sing, sing, sing!

*When he comes, when he comes,
we will make him welcome!*

Third Sunday in Advent: **JOY** Isaiah 12:3-4

(Light the candle of joy.)

L: People of joy, God desires people who hear and respond with thanksgiving to the promise of salvation.

P: Make us those joyful people!

L: God longs for people who will not wallow in the world's sorrows, but seek out new occasions for joy!

P: Make us those joyful people!



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Third Sunday in Advent: **JOY** Isaiah 12:3-4

L: God yearns for people who struggle past daily discouragements to inspire the next joyful friends of God.

P: Make us those joyful people!

L: Let's pray together...

P: God of joy, we praise you for including us in your joyful communion. Bring light to our path as we await the King who is coming. Amen.



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“Hope is a star” 119 (vs 3)

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Saviour is born
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

Gathering Prayer

The 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 trespases,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory
forever. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ministry of Music

“People in darkness” 124 - 1

People in darkness are looking for light.

Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.

People with blindness are longing for sight.

Come, Lord Jesus Christ.

**These days of adventure when all people wait
are days for the advent of love.**

“People in darkness” 124 - 2

People with sickness are praying for health.

Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.

People in poverty want to have wealth.

Come, Lord Jesus Christ.

**These days of adventure when all people wait
are days for the advent of hope.**

“People in darkness” 124 - 3

People in trouble would like to be free.

Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.

People with arguments want to agree.

Come, Lord Jesus Christ.

**These days of adventure when all people wait
are days for the advent of peace.**

“People in darkness” 124 - 4

People in sadness are trying to sing.

Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.

Bells in the steeple are waiting to ring.

Come, Lord Jesus Christ.

These days of adventure when all people wait
are days for the advent of joy.

Children's Time – Celebration Chest

Scripture Readings – Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Scripture Readings – Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?'

Scripture Readings – Luke 3:7-18

In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

Scripture Readings – Luke 3:7-18

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

“There’s a voice in the wilderness” # 128 - 1

There’s a voice in the wilderness crying,

A call from the ways untrod:

Prepare in the desert a highway,

A highway for our God!

The valleys shall be exalted,

The lofty hills brought low;

Make straight all the crooked places

Where the Lord our God may go!

“There’s a voice in the wilderness” # 128 - 2

O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
Go up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
The coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish,
Like grass our works decay,
The power and pomp of nations
Shall pass like a dream away.

“There’s a voice in the wilderness” # 128 - 3

**But the word of our God is steadfast;
The arm of the Lord is strong;
God stands in the midst of nations,
And soon will right the wrong.
God shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
The lambs will gently hold,
To pastures of peace will lead them,
And bring them safe to fold.**

Sermon

“I’m getting mixed messages...”

The Rev. Doug Kendall

We Present Our Gifts – Offering

Doxology "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

"Lord, listen to your children praying" #449

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

"On Jordan's bank" # 126- 1

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty guest may come.

"On Jordan's bank" # 126- 2

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace, we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick, stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

"On Jordan's bank" # 126-3

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Sung Benediction

“Prepare the way of the Lord” # 120

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Prepare the way of the Lord,

And all people will see the

Salvation of our God.

Worship is over...

...let the service begin.