



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 16, 2018

8:50am

Service of Worship

Third Sunday of Advent

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please sign and pass the Grace Greetings books at this time.)*

## \*HYMN SING

*(An opportunity to sing your favorite hymns of the season)*

### Christmas Medley

*Joy to the World  
O Come All Ye Faithful*

Arr. Dan Chapman

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: My soul magnifies the Lord!

**ALL: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

One: The Mighty One has done great things.

**ALL: Holy is God's name!**

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *(see insert)*

Women of the Praise Team: Denice Trawicki, Jami Howe, Melanie Townsend,  
Michelle Gailliez-Frye, Donna Goeckler, Gina McBride, *readers*

## COME AS A CHILD

Sing 114, v. 3

"Away in a Manger"

*Be near me, Lord Jesus;*

*I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.*

*Bless all the dear children in thy tender care;*

*and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken together)* God of majesty and glory,  
we thirst for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and  
still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your  
presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we  
ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O  
Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands,  
and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way.  
Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you and everyone.

**All: And also with you and all others!**

*(Let us greet one another with expressions of Jesus' love.)*

## \*SINGING

We Fall Down

By Chris Tomlin

Sanctuary

By John Thompson  
and Randy Scruggs

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

*Equipping People to Develop and Share a  
Faith That Works in Real Life*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Light of the World

Praise Team

## GOSPEL LESSON

1 John 3:11, 18-23

*(New Testament, Page 240)*

Chris Frye

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words,  
**Thanks be to God!**

## READING

"The Ghost of Christmas Present"  
From "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens  
Mitch Trigger, Charlie Trigger

## SERMON

"Hope"

Rev. Sue Trigger

*Sending People to Serve in the World*

## OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

## \*SINGING

Your Grace Is Enough

By Matt Maher

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*\*If convenient/able, please stand.*

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