

∞ Order of Worship ∞

December 13, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent-Love

PRELUDE "Prayer" by Guilman

CALL TO WORSHIP (paraphrased from Psalm 61):

Leader: We will sing for joy in God,

People: We will explode in praise from deep in our souls!

Leader: He dressed us up in suits of salvation,

People: he outfitted us in robes of righteousness,

All: so the Master, God, brings righteousness into full bloom and puts praise on display before us and the nations.

PRAISE SONG "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" v.2

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, Both we and our ancestors have sinned, kept sinning for so long, and have done wickedly. We have chosen to follow false gods like our ego and our desires. We're all sin-infected, sin-contaminated. Please forgive our sinful actions and bring us into your wonderful arms. Help us, Lord, to be more loving in all we say, think and do. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even as we all have sinned,

People: You, Lord, continue to love all creation and bring us to Your Sabbath.

Leader: You, Lord, continue to forgive us and hold us in Your loving family,

People: And lead us as we confess and repent.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

CHILDREN'S TIME

"The Legend of the Candy Cane"
Steve Kotula

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Comfort Ye and Ev'ry Valley Shall Be Exalted"

from Handel's *Messiah* sung by Scott Miller

SERMON

"Cheerful, Prayerful, Thankful"

PRAYER TIME-THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL

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 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.

HYMN No. 1

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" v. 1

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Glorious" by David Crowder

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Verse 2:

Good Christian's all, rejoice
With heart and souls and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
And mankind's bless-ed evermore:
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Text: Latin carol, 14th century; translated by John M. Neale, alt.
Music: *In Dulci Jubilo*, German melody, 14th century; harmonized by John Stainer

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Verse 1:

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.
Amen.

Text: Henry van Dyke
Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven; melody from *Ninth Symphony*;
adapted by Edward Hodges



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Advent Devotional Study

Please join us (virtually) for an Advent Devotional Bible Study! Pastor Dale and Brenda are facilitating a discussion and conversation on the week's readings – December 16, and 23rd from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. The devotional is called “A Child, A Son, A Savior: The Wonders of His Love”. The devotional was mailed to members who regularly attend the zoom and in-person service. If you miss a week, no worry you can join the next week. Please feel free to join this coming week and you can show us your Christmas tree!

Mitten Tree

Our church will continue to sponsor the annual collection of children's winter wear with donations for Dryden Central School children who are in need. Please drop by the church and add your gift to the decorated basket located in the back entrance by the Kitchen Cupboard.

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias may be purchased by individuals as we will not be ordering from Agway this year. They may be brought to the church by November 27, 2020 and left on the kitchen table to be placed in the sanctuary by the Flower Committee for the Advent Season. Contact the Flower Committee if you would like your poinsettias delivered to shut-ins .

Christmas Joy

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. If you would like to give to Christmas Joy, please mark in the memo line “Christmas Joy” on your check. There are Christmas Joy envelopes located in the church office if you would like to use them for your donation.

Dryden Service Salvation Army Bell Ringing

2020 has been a difficult year for many of our local families. The repercussions of Covid-19 led to an increase in the demands on our Salvation Army funds. We also recognize that the greater level of need will continue into 2021. We have established a goal of \$6,500 for the upcoming bell ringing season which will provide us with \$5,800 for support of our local community. In order to achieve this goal, we have revised our program in several ways:

OPTION 1 - Ring the bell outdoors at Clarks. **There are several weekday evening hours available.** If you feel that you would be able to “ring the bell” for an hour on a given day, please contact Charlie Hart at cwhartjr@gmail.com or at 844-8796.

OPTION 2 - We have created an option to “Text” a donation. You simply send a text to **41444** with “**DRYDENKETTLE**” in the message line and you will be sent a simple form to make a donation on your phone.

OPTION 3 - You can also participate in our new “**Virtual Bell Ringing Program**” by sponsoring the bell with a check at the following levels – ♦ Gold” Sponsorship of \$500 which will provide 150 meals ♦ Silver” Sponsorship of \$250 which will provide 75 meals ♦ Bronze” Sponsorship of \$100 which will provide 30 meals. Checks should be made out to The Salvation Army (with **Dryden Service Unit** noted on the memo line) and can be mailed to Charlie at 31 Lee Road, Dryden, NY 13053.

May you all have a wonderful Holiday season and as always, thank you for all you do for our community throughout the year.

Luminaries

Dave Gross will be placing the luminaries along the sidewalk for Christmas this year. Help would be appreciated, please contact Dave directly.