



Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

Lake Shore Baptist Church

Prelude

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”
arr. Sylvia Woods
Cindy Fuller

Welcome

Jon Snyder

We are a welcoming and affirming community of Christians, attempting to discover, articulate, and embody the meaning of the Gospel in the world today. We welcome all at Lake Shore because we believe that God's love knows no bounds.

Meditation

Sharlande Sledge

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Owen & Laura Lind

- One: We light this candle of joy as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
- Many: **Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope, peace, and joy you unfailingly offer us.**
- One: We are preparing ourselves for the day that Isaiah prophesied, crying in the wilderness:
- Many: **“Prepare the way of our God, make the path straight.**
- One: Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill made low,
- Many: **and the crooked shall be made straight,**
- One: and the rough ways made smooth;
- Many: **and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.**
- One: The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;
- Many: **nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.**
- One: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
- Many: **like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.**

One: Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that must be shared.

Many: Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

Congregational Response

“When God Is a Child”
MOON BEAMS

Joy is a song that wel-comes the dawn, tell - ing the world that the Sa-vior 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 a - fraid.

Gospel Reading

John 1:6-8, 19-28
Grant Dooley

One: This is the Gospel of Grace.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Joy

Caroline and Lauren Abel

Congregational Song

“Joy to the World”
ANTIOCH

Joy to the wold, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nation prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 1:18-26
Richard Groves

One: This is the word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Joy in the Midst of Suffering”
Richard Groves

Benediction

Richard Groves

Congregational Benediction

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”
REJOICE, REJOICE

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
The rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer, and love, our endless story,
May God fill ev'ry day we share, and bring us at last into glory.

Postlude

“How Great Our Joy”
arr. Sharon Wilson
Jon Snyder

Offering: <https://my.simplegive.com/App/Giving/lbcbwaco>

Parents' Gathering:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86910111657?pwd=TIJR VjdDbHFrMEVrUXQ2YIR3eUYwdz09>

Meeting ID: 869 1011 1657 Passcode: Bishop5801

Lake Shore Business Meeting

December 20 following the Worship Service on Zoom

Business item:

- Vote on the Deacon Nominees for 2021:
 - Claudia Beal
 - Laura Dávalos-Lind
 - Bruce Evans
 - Steve Gardner
 - Gary Miller
 - Karyn Miller
 - Dianna Vitanza

The business item was discussed at the Business Meeting on Sunday, December 6. Lake Shore members will vote, without discussion, on December 20.