

Order of Worship

Third Sunday in Advent

December 11, 2022 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Wesley Ringers I

Rowland Prichard

arr. Susan E. Geschke

Welcome

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

***Greeting**

Leader: Among the poor, among the proud,
among the persecuted, among the privileged,

People: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: With a gentle touch, with an angry word,
with a clear conscience, with burning love,

People: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe,
that the powerful might stumble, that the hidden might be seen,

People: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: Within us, without us, behind us, before us,
in this place, in every place, for this time, for all time.

People: Christ is coming to make all things new.

***Hymn**

God with Us

***Opening Prayer**

Come, Child of Bethlehem,
make your presence known to us
and dwell in our midst as we worship.

Come, servant King
teach us the ways of your kingdom
and make our hearts your throne.

Come, Brother of all,
Show us the meaning of our humanity.
Go before us and lead us to God,
bring us to the fullness of your kingdom. Amen.

Anthem

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

arr. Chaz Bowers

Youth Choir

Children's Message

At the conclusion of the message, children and youth are invited to participate in a special Christian education time just for them. Please see room numbers listed by age group below.

Scripture

Luke 1:46b-55

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**The World Is About to Turn
Week 3: Searching for Joy**

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Reception of New Members

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses the persons coming into membership and their sponsors.

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
Reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you,
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Will you who sponsor these candidates
support and encourage them in their Christian life?

I will.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these
persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments,

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
[who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
[the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.]**

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor addresses the persons coming into membership.

As a member of Christ's universal church,

will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As a member of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presences, your gifts,
your service, and your witness?

I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Members of the household of God,
I commend these persons to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

The congregation responds:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

The pastor addresses the new members:

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

Prayer of the People

Rev. Wines

Offering

You are invited to make your offering to support the ministry and mission of Clarendon UMC.

*You may text to give at 84321 or go to the Online Worship page of our website
and click "Make your online offering."*

Worship Activity

You are invited to listen to the anthem or use the time while you wait for communion to do this activity.

Writing your own Magnificat

Each one of us has a history of how God has worked in our life, how God has cared for us and protected us in the past, and how God has led us to where we are now. If we think about it, we can name times where God has shown us mercy and guided us with the strength of God's arm.

Each of us has a long list of gifts, abilities, qualities and characteristics that are uniquely ours and for which we must give God praise.

If you were writing a magnificat, a song to magnify God, what would you say? You are invited to write your own or complete the sentences below.

I praise God by: _____

God has shown God's self to me in these ways: _____

God has guided me in these ways: _____

I give God thanks and praise for these gifts, abilities, qualities, talents, and characteristics that are granted me: _____

I am so thankful that God has given me these things so that I may be God's servant.