

Love

HEREIN IS LOVE,
NOT THAT WE
LOVED GOD,
BUT THAT HE LOVED US

1 JOHN 4:10



East Valley Reformed Church

Pastor Bill Van Herk

Third Sunday in Advent December 16, 2018

To Our Visitors

Thank you for joining us for this celebration of worship!
It is our hope that you find the service uplifting and that you will come again. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Our Mission Statement

"Helping each other follow Jesus Christ."

Our Vision Statement

"To be people who delight in worshipping Jesus, seek to know him more and are being shaped by God to be a redemptive presence in our community through proclaiming the gospel, feeding the hungry and nurturing one another in love."

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The Approach to God

Prelude

Gathering Songs

Welcome and Announcements

Prepare for Worship

Votum

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn #125 "Joy to the World"

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader 1: We've gathered here on this Advent Sunday to draw near to you, God. Our hearts long to be close to you. Help us this season to open our hearts so that you may draw near to us. Open our eyes to the true light that came into the world as we wait to receive it again. Open our ears to the truth of your Word.

Reader 2: Hear the Word from the prophet Isaiah: "You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God!'".

Reader 1: "See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young."

Reader 2: We worry God. Ours fears can trouble and consume us. We need your comfort. We need the light of Christ to guide us and keep us close to you. (Light 3 candles)

Reader 1 "In Jesus Christ you are forgiven."

Special Music

The Word of God

Prayer of illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20 Mark Van Kommer

*Songs of Praise (*Prayer Requests collected during songs*)

Children's Program

(Children age 4-12 can go to Kidz Church)

New Testament Lesson: Luke 3:7-18

Message: "What Should We Do?"

The Prayer of Application

The Response to God

Song of Response

The Prayers of the People

The Gifts of God's People

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

*Closing Hymn #131 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Song of Departure

Postlude

***Please stand if able**

Fourth Sunday in Advent December 23, 2018

"Leap for Joy"

Micah 5:2-5

Luke 1:39-55

On the Fourth Sunday in Advent we will focus on the joy that Jesus will bring into our lives-if we let him.