

December 12th, 2021 Advent #3 JOY
Worship you tube link: <https://youtu.be/vbbWrvVGVAc>

PRELUDE: *Gaudete Christus Natus Est (Rejoice the Christ is born)* unknown 1582
(Paul: on joyful trombone!)

ADVENT CANDLE #3: *Hope is a Star verse 3 (#119)* by Brian Wren
Lighter: Mary McGugan-Lane

♪ Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn, telling the world that the Saviour 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 afraid.***

SCRIPTURE: Haggai 2:1-7; 1 Peter 1 selected verses (The Living Bible version)
Reader: Rhodes Arnold

Virtual Choir: Come thou long expected Jesus by Charles Wesley

This is the word of the Lord - ...thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME: *Carol (a surprise!!)* by Johnny Marks

PASTORAL PRAYER: #141 *Good Christians All, Rejoice!* Latin anonymous

♪ ***Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now give heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today,
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today; Christ is born today.***

Loving God – as we come to you in prayer today – we thank you and praise you....

♪ ***Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now you hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this.
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this***

Help us to deeply know and trust this salvation – that Jesus Christ was born for this –.

♪ ***Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now you need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save,
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save.***

On this Sunday of Joy O God – we acknowledge that in these times it is easy....

LORD'S PRAYER:

ASSURANCE:

SERMON: *Longing hearts*

CLOSING HYMN: #139 *Hark, the herald*

words- Charles Wesley, tune Mendelssohn

♩ *Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King,
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King.*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail the incarnate deity!
Pleased on earth with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King.*

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild, he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise the lost of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *People look east*

by Eleanor Farjeon

BENEDICTION & BLESSING: *Go now in peace*

by Don Besig