

Kathwood Baptist Church



KATHWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH IN WORSHIP

December 13, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Eleven o'clock

Broadcasted on FM Station: 107.3

*Please continue to wear a mask and stay at least 6 ft. apart before, during, and after the service.
Let's keep each other safe.*

Prelude

How Great Our Joy

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Beth McConnell

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy

Edward Farmer and Congregation

based on Isaiah 61:1-4

Isaiah the Prophet announced it. The Spirit of God is with me, because I have been chosen to bring good news to the abused, to bandage the wounds of the heartbroken, and to release those who are in prisons of all kinds. I am here to proclaim a good year in God's sight, a time when things will be set right.

I am here to comfort the grieving and to dress them for happy times instead of sad ones.

The people who are healed and comforted will be like strong trees, upright and loyal to God. They will be like a forest planted to show God's glory. They will rebuild the world and show everyone God's power.

We wait for the day of God's joy, and live in God's peace and hope, as we light these candles.

Please pause as we light the Candle of Joy, then respond:

Loving God, come and bring joy to the world!*

Hymn of Joy

Joy to the World

Chancel Choir, Voncille Williams

*Martha Spong, used with permission

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:16-21

Cheryl Page

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Devotional Thought

We’re Not in Kansas Anymore

Rev. McConnell

Solo

In the Bleak Midwinter

Paul Lindley

Prayer of Response

Rev. McConnell and Congregation

God of the Generations, Hope of the World, Comforter, Savior,

In the midst of our bleak world, we confess that we long to be home again. But we also long to follow the path you set before us, being your Hope, Peace, and Joy in the world. Bringing transformation to those in the wilderness of pain, the despair of poverty, the fear of loneliness.

As we make our way home to you on Christmas Day we give you our hearts. And we ask that you guide our way to a new year in which your glory is evident to the world. Use our hands of compassion to make it so. Use our offerings to repair the ruins. Use our hearts to create possibility for new growth.

These things we pray in great anticipation as we await the coming of Emmanuel. Amen.

Benediction

Congregation

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Offerings may be given to a greeter.

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