

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, 2021

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Hymn: *Sing We Now of Christmas* No. 275

*Prayer of Confession: **Loving Father, hear our prayer. Your Son came to people who had their own agendas and no spare time for a King. Very few noticed his coming and of those that did, even less followed him. That is still true today. We confess our indifference and lack of commitment. Forgive us. Draw our attention to the wonder of your love for us all over again. May our resistance to seeking and following you melt in the brilliance of your love that comes to us in Jesus.**

*Assurance of God's Pardon

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
**Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Choir Christmas Program

READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Joseph Came Walking to Bethlehem

Gordon Young

Glory to God in the Highest

Jill Galina

Way Down Yonder in Bethlehem

Michael Barrett

READING

Isaiah 12:2-6

Angels We Have Heard on High

Alaysa, Brielle, and Adalyn Bacon

The Bells Ring Peace

Crystal Hogan

This Is Christmas

Praise Band

Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Jesus Born On This Day

Arr. by Roger Emerson

Gonna Tell the Story

Richard Bourque

Calypso Christmas

Natalie Sleeth

*Hymn: *Love Has Come!* No. 256, vv. 1-2

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

David Carlson, Micah Carlson, Mary Rushford,
Alan Wall, Karyn Daft

*Lord's Prayer: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Benediction / Response: *Love Has Come!* No. 256, v. 3

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

- Today:** 6:00p.m. Sr. High Youth Group
Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru*)
Tuesday: 10:00a.m. and 5:15p.m. Bible Study
1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
Wednesday: 3:30p.m. KID'S CLUB
3:30p.m. 5th/6th Grade Youth Group
5:00p.m. Kid's Xmas Rehearsal
6:30p.m. Adult Choir (*Fellowship Hall*)
Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That
4:00p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
**Saturday: 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m. Children's
Christmas Program Rehearsal**
4:00p.m. Worship Service

Worship Service Information

- *Saturday, December 18th: 4:00p.m. Regular Worship Service
*Sunday, December 19th: **10:00a.m.** (no 9:00a.m. service)
Children's Christmas Program
*Christmas Eve Worship Services: 4:00p.m. and 7:00p.m.
*Saturday, December 25th: No Saturday Worship Service
*Sunday, December 26th: 9:00a.m. Regular Worship Service

Thank you to our Choir, under the direction of John Allard and accompanied by Crystal Hogan and Boyd Thomas, and to all who participated in the annual Christmas Choir Concert today.

The Christmas Dinner Desert is the Cranberry Christmas Cake. Recipes are in the pans on the table in the Fireside Room along with a sign-up sheet.