



Third Sunday in Advent

NEW HACKENSACK REFORMED CHURCH
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"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it" Psalm 118:24

We Celebrate the Good News

The Gathering of God's People

Time to speak with each other

Greeting

"The Lord be with you...
And also with you."



Please fill out and pass the Friendship Books.

Visitors, please fill in your address as well. Thank You!

Prelude

Gabriella Fryer

The Call to Worship

Elder Arra Mowry / Congregation

Something stirs deep within us – a longing, a hope,

A thirst for joy, a hunger for peace, a yearning for blessing.

We know deep within that our hopes and fears

will be met by angel songs and baby sighs.

It is Advent – season of waiting, hoping, yearning.

Advent – come, Lord Jesus, come.

**All: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Let us rejoice and praise the Lord!**

Gathering Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

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The Welcoming Prayer/God's Greeting

Rev. Keith Tamlyn



Children's Dismissal to Sunday School
(Children 3rd – 8th grade leave for Sunday school)
(Children ages 3yrs - 2nd grade are attending Children and Worship in room 9)

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Hershman Family

~LOVE~



- Leader:** God is making the final preparations for an amazing thing! Now is the Advent of the long-awaited Messiah, our bringer of hope, our Prince of Peace, our leader of love.
- People:** **We wait, we prepare, we make straight the way.**
- Leader:** We celebrate the coming of Christ with the lighting of the Advent candles.
- People:** **We are a people of hope, a people of peace, a people of love.**
- Leader:** At first there was the frail light of a single candle of hope, daring to pierce through the darkness of despair and sin,
- People:** **Then there was the candle of peace.**
- Leader:** Today we light the candle of love.
- People:** **For God so loved the world...**
- Leader:** For God so loved the world that a child was given. A savior was made in the form of Love Incarnate. And Love was allowed to live on...
- People:** **We gather, then, in Christian Love;**
- Unison:** **We give thanks for a love that passes understanding, and we await the dawning of God's pervasive and enduring love once more this Christmas season. Amen.**

~ Light Third Advent Candle ~ The Candle of Love ~

Please remain seated and join in our advent hymn:

Advent Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs 3) #133

The Call to Confession

Elder Arra Mowry

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

Words of Assurance / The Law

Elder Arra Mowry

“Glory Be to the Father”

Anthem

“Light an Advent Candle”

Words and Music by Becki Slagle Mayo

Flute- Cali Roloson

Chancel Choir



We Proclaim the Good News

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 1: 18-25

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Message

“Look For The Peace”

Rev. Keith Tamlyn

Sermon Hymn: **“I Wonder as I Wander”** #165



We Respond to the Good News

*(Please print your prayer request on the blue card in the pew rack
and deposit in offering plate.)*

The Offering
The Doxology
The Offertory Prayer

Great giving God, we receive the blessed gift of the Child, the Light of Life. Experiencing your generosity causes us to love you and want to be equally generous. May these tithes and offerings be a worthy representation of our gratitude. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

Prayer Hymn: **“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”** #140

Prayers of Thanksgiving (Pastor)

The 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.**

Sending Hymn: **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”** #171

Benediction
Postlude