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## December 14, 2025 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Joy

Prelude

Welcome and Opening

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Call to Worship:

**Leader: In this holy season of waiting, we confess not only our sin, but our weariness, our distractions, and our hesitations to hope. Let us come before God, trusting in mercy. Let us pray together:**

People: In a world where we desire instant gratification and quick answers to our questions and problems, we confess that we have forgotten how to wait.

**Leader: We run so fast, we do not see You, we do not hear Your voice speaking, and we lose sight of Your promises.**

People: Instead of being still and knowing You are God, we fill the stillness with noise and busyness.

**Leader: Please forgive us Father, renew the joy of our salvation in Your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Teach us to watch for You again, to see You in those in need and those who do not know You or have relationship with You.**

**All: We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Songs of Response and Praise:

"What Child Is This" #145

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" #133

Lighting the Advent Candle (Time for Children) Candle of Joy

Response in Song: "Light a Single Candle" (see overhead)

"The Messiah Prophesied" Isaiah 7:13-17, page 982 Jordan Webster

Special Music: Sarah Knell

Sermon: "Salvation is the Lord's" Passages from Isaiah Pastor Brett

\*Song of Response: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #88 Verses 1, 4-7

Offering Meditation

Doxology #606

\*Offering Prayer

\*Closing Song: "Joy to the World" #134

\*Benediction

Postlude