



Advent III Joy
December 17, 2023

KNOX SUNDAY WORSHIP

ADVENT III

December 17, 2023 (10:00 am)

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♪+ Remain seated to sing

Prelude: Fugue and Fanfare on “Winchester New”
(On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry)

David Lasky

Welcome and Call to Worship

♪↑ **Hymn:** “People Look East”

VU 9

Advent Candle Lighting:

Minister: Today, we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of joy. This candle symbolizes the joy that fills our hearts as we celebrate the arrival of our Savior.

Reader: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Minister: In this season, we rejoice in the transformative power of Christ's presence.

Reader: Psalm 126

Minister: Even in times of sorrow, we hold onto the promise of joy in Christ.

Light the first, second and third candles.

Together: May the light of these candles ignite the joy in our hearts as we celebrate the birth of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

♪+ **Hymn:** “Hope is a Star” (*verse 3*)

VU 7

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.

Prayer of Joy

♪↑ **Hymn:** “A Light is Gleaming”

VU 82

Scripture Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

The testimony of John the Baptist.

Anthems:

“Kyrie de Angelis”

(from Missa de Angelis – 9th Century
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.)

“Ave Verum”

(13th Century - Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary....)

Sermon: Joy in the Journey

Meditative Music:

“Ave mundi spes Maria”

(15th Century - Hail Mary,
hope of the world...)

♪↑ **Offering Song:** “As with Gladness Men of Old” (*verse 3*)

VU 81

As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger crude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin’s alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People and 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those

who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

♪↑ **Hymn:** “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” ** VU48

Commissioning and Benediction

♪↑ **Benediction Response:** “Hope Shines as the Solitary Star” MV 220

Joy shines as the solitary star,
faith is the inner light.
You and I together
mirror the Light of Lights,
and illumine the pathway home.

Postlude: “Joy to the World” Fred Bock

** Favourite Hymn Survey

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Text: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Title: Joy in the Journey

Synopsis: John 1:6-8, 19-28 introduces us to John the Baptist, a voice crying in the wilderness. Richard's sabbatical travels reveal the joy of discovery and exploration. This service will explore the joy that accompanies our spiritual journey with Christ and how His birth fills our hearts with joy and leads us to spiritual renewal.

Worship Leaders:

Minister: Rev. Richard Chung
Advent Candle Reading: Mary Graham
Scripture Reader: Rev. Sharon Copeman
Music Director: Colleen Coulter
Organist: Madelene Klassen
Pianist: Colleen Coulter
Guest Choir: Chants Encounter
Ministry of Music: Knox Choir
Usher/Greeters: Dave Cass, Catherine Shen
Live-Streaming: Kevin Wong
Webminder: Debra Danny



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Mission: "We exist to love God and love our neighbours" (Matthew 22: 36-40)

Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the arts, building a community without loneliness.

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