3rd Sunday of Advent **DECEMBER 14-15, 2024**

ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Saturday Worship - 5pm

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship

Confession & Forgiveness

Lighting of Advent Wreath

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" **ELW 257**

v. 1-3

Litany of Praise Prayer of the Day **Bible Readings** Message

Hymn of the Day **ELW 253**

Creed, Prayers and Peace

Offertory Song

The Words of Communion

Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing & Sending

Sunday Liturgical - 10am

Prelude

Invocation

Confession & Forgiveness

Lighting of Advent Wreath

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" **ELW 257** v. 1-3

ELW 250 Opening Hymn Greeting p. 138 **Kyrie** p. 138

Prayer of the Day

First Bible Reading

Psalm of the Day Isaiah 12:2-6

Second Bible Reading Gospel Acclamation

Today's Message

Hymn of the Day

ELW 490

Creed, Prayers & Peace

Offertory Offering

Eucharistic Liturgy & Lord's Prayer p. 144 Lamb of God & Distribution p. 146

Blessing & Prayer p. 146

Benediction & Sending Hymn **ELW 248**

Dismissal



2216 PEACH STREET, ERIE PA 16502 WWW.STJOHNSERIE.ORG

WEEKLY WORSHIP

YOU BELONG HERE

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. We believe that Christ is present in this meal of forgiveness and unconditional love. We welcome all to join us at the Lord's Table. If you choose not to commune, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a restroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

TODAY'S THEME

Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

Today's Bible Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-20	Pew Bible p. 767
Isaiah 12:2-6	Pew Bible p. 558
Philippians 4:4-7	Pew Bible p. 955
Luke 3:7-18	Pew Bible p. 834

Today's Message

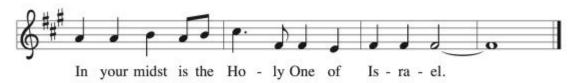
"Good News to the People" by Rev. Ralph Mineo

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PSALM RESPONSE:



Isaiah 12:6
Psalm refrain reproduced from Psalter for Worship Year C © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.
May be reproduced by permission for local use only.

OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Members: Barb Huff, Tom Tell, Nancy Varner, Janel Anderson

Cancer treatments:

Friends of the congregation: Ian Minner, Rev. Jerry Gray, Michelle, Baby Easton, Matt, Mary Bemis, Ken Marshall, Derf Hopsecger, Vickie Baldwin, Jonathan B., Joe Mineo, family of Audrey Hettrick

Cancer Friends: Canda, Chris

Other prayer requests: the family of Peggy Sue Seigworth

Prayer Requests/Names will be removed on the 1st of each month unless otherwise requested. If you would like a name on the prayer list, please use the "Prayer Request" link on our church website, email or phone the church office.

If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir just for the Advent and Christmas Season you would be more than welcome. Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord for the Holidays. Please contact Kathy Swanson for rehearsal times over the Holidays.

Thank You - We would like to thank our Chancel Choir for their gift of music today.