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December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent – Joy

*Chorus to Open Worship: "Come, Come, Emmanuel" #91

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 66):

Leader: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Let us sing of God's glorious name, let us give Him glorious praise.

Leader: Say to God, how awesome are Your deeds.

People: Let us, with all the earth, fall down in worship and sing of the Lord, sing

praises to His name!

Welcome and Opening

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lighting the Thired Advent Candle – Joy Kathy Bromley

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

Prayer for Illumination

Meeting Three of the Prophets who Prophesied Jesus' Birth and Life

Introduction

Song of Reflection: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear #123 (Verses 1, 3, 5)

Isaiah Roger Cochran

Response in Song: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice #132 (All Verses)

Micah Sue Taylor

Response in Song: O Little Town of Bethlehem #121 (Verses 1 & 4)

Hosea John Jackson

Response in Song: O Come, All Ye Faithful #133 (Verses 1, 3, 4)

Closing Summary and Prayer

Offering Meditation

*Doxology #606

*Offering Prayer

*Closing Song: "Joy to the World #134 (Verses 1 & 4)

*Benediction

Postlude