**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 11, 2022**

**PRELUDE** *Magnificat I: My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord Op. 18, no. 10* Dupré (1886-1971)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY** Roger & Ann Bryant

**ADVENT LITANY** Zephaniah 3: 14-16

Leader: We will enter Zion with sing; everlasting joy will crown our heads.

**People: Gladness and joy will overtake us; sorrow and sighing will flee away.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**INTROIT** *There Is No Rose of Such Virtue* Anon (c. 1420)

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# MORNING PRAYER Danny Leech

**OPENING HYMN 93** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* Truro

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Searching God, you come for us like a shepherd searching for lost sheep. We hide and we run, sometimes knowing we have strayed, other times completely unaware we are on the wrong path. Regardless, you come after us. We make this our confession with the hope you will find us again, wipe away our sin, and return us to your fold. We pray in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 581** Greatorex

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 35:1-10 p. 578

Danny Leech

**ANTHEM** *Magnificat*: Quia fecit mihi magna Bach (1685-1750)

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est et sanctum nomen ejus

(He who is mighty has done great things and holy is His name)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 11:2-11 p.792

**SERMON** Rev. Wray Sherman

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* Hymnal p. 35

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 83** *Come Thou, Long Expected Jesus*  Stuttgart

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Magnificat BuxWV 203* Buxtehude (1637-1707)

\***Please stand if able**

**Today’s link is :** <https://youtu.be/WTWWGZcgi2o>

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The Legacy: Mary June Cook

The Colonnades: Bird Heuchert

Regency at Augusta: Edie Lawrence

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab,

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Walt Flora, Warner & Linda Sandquist, Ruth and Lewis Kelley.

Friends and Family: Erwin Berry (Joan), Bill Bromley, Ron Buckalew, Jean Custen, Jerry Hughes, Sally McNeel, Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Paul Watts (Colleen Cash).

Military: Carson Craig

Welcome Rev. Wray Sherman who will be helping us this week. Please keep Pastor Pettit in your prayers as he recovers from Covid.

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