**THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT December 17, 2023**

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

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**ADVENT ANTIPHON**

Leader: As we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth, fill our hearts with love for the world, that all may know Your love and the one whom You have sent - Your son, our Savior.

 People: Come Lord Jesus!

**OPENING HYMN 129** *Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming* Es ist ein’ Ros’

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

 Advent God, we confess we are not ready to meet you. You offer us a place in your house, yet we find no room for you in our lives. You invite us into your eternal realm, yet we fail to welcome others into our midst. Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin. Fill us with your word of life, that we may believe nothing is impossible with you.

 **SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 581** Greatorex

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 1:1-26 p. 831

**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 Luke 1:27-55 p. 831

**SERMON** *Favor.*Patrick S Pettit,Interim Pastor

 **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles’ Creed p.35

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

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

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

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

\***Please stand if able**

*Hearing devices are available for your convenience.*

*Please be aware that they do not function until after the service begins.*

 **Today’s link is:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4Ev0c2cF64>





 **December 24 Christmas Eve 11am Jo Pannill**

 **NO CANDLELIGHT**

 **December 31 First Sunday of Christmas Cynthia Hoover**

 **Second Presbyterian will join us.**



Shenandoah Nursing Home: Nancy Garber

Home: Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Warner & Linda Sandquist,

Cathy Cunningham

Friends and Family: Erwin Berry (Joan), Bill Bromley, Jean Custen, Jerry Hughes,

Sally McNeel, Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson),

Paul Watts, Kathleen Clements, (Colleen Cash), Josh Slonaker, Barb Ostrander

(Holly Bennett), Betsy Boswell (Curry)

Military: Carson Craig