



# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

*Joy ~ December 11, 2022*



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*With all my heart I glorify the Lord! In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior!*  
~ Mary

~ *GATHERING* ~

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*Luke 1:46-47*)

My soul magnifies the Lord; **my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

**PRELUDE** PASTORAL SINFONIA FROM CHRISTMAS ORATORIO J.S. Bach  
arr. Nieman

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES** Wateska Family

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

**As the Holy One has promised, in days to come:**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,

**the desert shall rejoice and blossom;**

like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,

**and rejoice with joy and singing.**

In joy, let us walk in the light of the Holy One.

**RESPONSE** LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES GTG #93  
by Georg Weissel *Verse 3*

**LESSON** ISAIAH 35:1-10 NRSV

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Into the dry and desolate places of our lives, God brings salvation.

**The desert rejoices and blossoms,**

**the wilderness teems with life.**

Sorrow and sighing will flee:

**let us come into God's presence with singing!**

In the light of joy, come let us worship God.

**\*CAROL** ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY GTG #140  
Cecil Frances Alexander IRBY

**\*POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

**All: May God be with you there. Kids: May God be with you here.**



