

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST		
PRELUDE	<i>Starry Night</i> Handbell Choir	Brenda E. Austin
+OPENING PRAYER		
<b>O Lord Jesus Christ,</b> <b>before you came into the world,</b> <b>you sent your messenger to prepare the way.</b> <b>Give us grace to share your Good News with others,</b> <b>so that the way for your second coming will be prepared</b> <b>and the world may be found righteous in your sight;</b> <b>for you are alive and reign with the Father</b> <b>in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</b> <small>[Based upon the Collect prayer for this Sunday in the Church of England]</small>		
+HYMN	<i>People Look East</i>	# 202
KIDS TIME	<i>Advent Candle Song</i> (stanza 3)	#2090
ANTHEM	<i>Dormi, Dormi</i> Bell Choir	Patricia A. Sanders

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD AND RESPOND IN FAITH		
FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 35: 1-10	
PSALTER	Luke 1: 47-55	
"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <b>for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.</b> Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed, <b>for the Mighty One has done great things for me,</b>		

<b>and holy is his name;</b> indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him <b>from generation to generation.</b> He has shown strength with his arm; <b>he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.</b> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones <b>and lifted up the lowly;</b> he has filled the hungry with good things <b>and sent the rich away empty.</b> He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <b>according to the promise he made to our ancestors,</b> <b>to Abraham and to his descendants forever."</b>		
SECOND LESSON	James 5: 7-10	
+GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 11: 2-11	
+ACCLAMATION	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	# 70
SERMON		
+HYMN	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>	# 218
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES		
Announcements		
Offertory	<i>Bell Peal on "How Great Our Joy"</i>	Linda R. Lamb
Handbell Choir		
Doxology	# 94	

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ CLOSING SONG

*Joy to the World*

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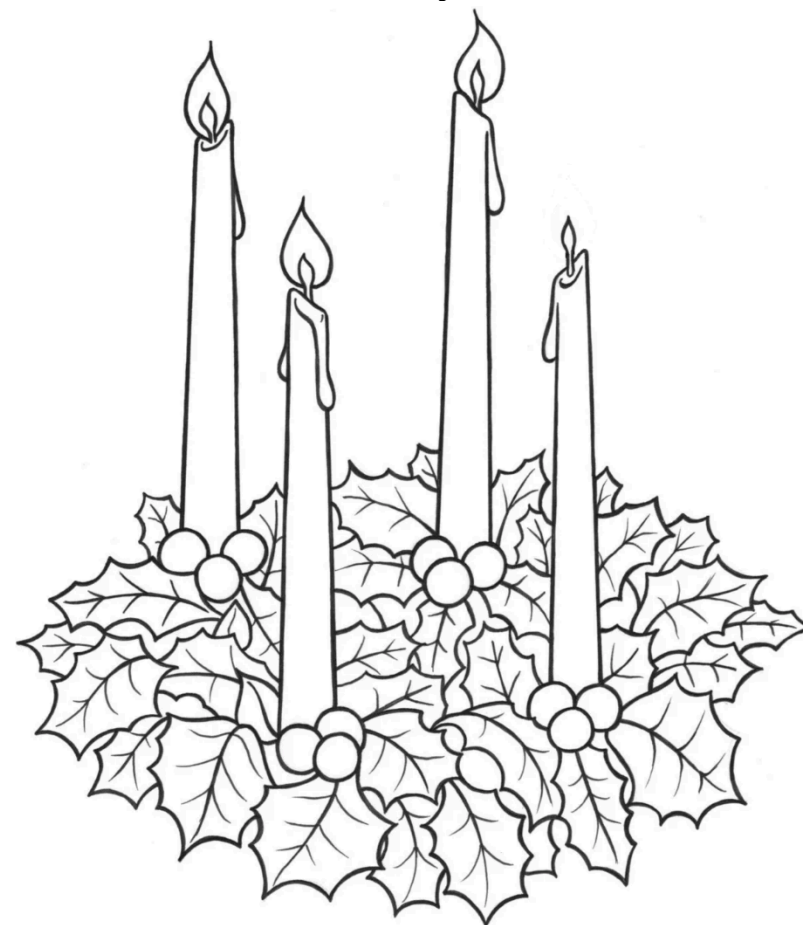
POSTLUDE

*Joy to the World*  
Handbell Choir

Ron Mallory

# Service of the Word

Third Sunday of Advent



14 December 2025

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