

JEFFERSON UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
716 GILL HALL ROAD
JEFFERSON HILLS, PA 15025

***Inspire Faith,
Develop Relationships,
and Encourage Community!***

December 17, 2023
Third Sunday in Advent

PRELUDE

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Angel Minda

Leader: Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!

People: By water and the Holy Spirit, we are cleansed and empowered to come before the Lord in praise and thanksgiving. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Lighting of the Advent Candles:

Women's Zoom Study

***HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" verses 1,6, & 7 Purple #88**

***Prayer of Confession: (unison)**

***Gracious and welcoming God,
have mercy on Your people.***

We struggle to believe Your presence with us.

We do not heed Your word in all we say and do.

***We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends
as beloved children whom You have made.***

In Your mercy, forgive us,

***for we repent our ways
and look to Your power
to heal us and raise us up,
so that, in the last days, You will gather us to Yourself
and give us peace. Amen.***

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***SONG OF RESPONSE: "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" (PURPLE #136)**
***Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!***

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:6-8, 19-29

SERMON "Go Tell it on the Mountain: John the Baptist (Part 2)" Rev.

Dr. Kristin Widrich

Adapted from "Prepare Ye The Way" by Tod & Ana Gobledale

***HYMN: "There is a Redeemer"**

PURPLE #433

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Luke 1:46-55

(insert)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

OFFERTORY:

***DOXOLOGY**

#34

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***CLOSING HYMN: "He Came Down"**

PURPLE #137

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

CCLI: #11462014 Livestreaming: #CSPL190744

Message to our Guests,

We are delighted to welcome you this morning! We hope that you will experience the grace, peace, and love of God in this place, and that you will feel at home among our church family.

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THIS WEEK AT JUPC

Sunday, December 17 – 3rd Sunday in Advent

9:15 Adult Sunday School in Grace Place

11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary

12:00 Worship Committee meeting in Grace Place

6:30 Women's Bible Study via Zoom

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

11:00 Service of Lessons and Carols

6:00 Pre-Worship Meeting in Grace Place

7:00 Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, December 25-Friday, December 29

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 31

11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 2

11:00 Women's Circle in Grace Place

Affirmation of Faith: Luke 1:46-55 (Mary's Song)

"My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—

holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."



John the Baptist The Isenheim Altarpiece
By Matthias Grunewald.

