

Welcome to
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
Third Sunday of Advent - December 16, 2018

Opening Responses:

L> Long ago, God spoke to the people of Israel through the prophet Zephaniah, who taught us to rejoice at God's salvation.

P> God's salvation is here, he said, when the oppressors are gone, and the lame and the outcast can rejoice without shame.

L> We remember Jesus who welcomed the outcasts.
We remember Jesus who made the lame walk

P> We rejoice in the salvation we have already received and we wait for God's coming to make it complete.

Hymn: Creator of the stars of night 111

Prayer of Approach & Confession: *(said together)*

We rejoice in you, O Lord, for you are near.
Even as we make our requests known to you,
you are ready to answer with your peace
which passes understanding.
Receive our thanks and praise
in the Name of Jesus Christ our Saviour and King.
God of peace, in thanksgiving for your love for us,
we come to you asking for mercy.
We are not always faithful to your gospel.
Our actions and attitudes often contradict
what we say we believe.
Have mercy on us and fill our minds
with everything that is true, honourable, just, pure, and
worthy of praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

L> In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from in high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**ALL> In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:

L> Let us listen for the Word of the Lord.

ALL> Our ears are open.

The Word of God: *Zephaniah 3:14-20*
Philippians 4:4-9

L> This is the word of the Lord. **ALL> Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others

Communion

Prayer: *(said together)*

Lord Jesus, you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours.
Take us, renew and remake us.
What we have been is past;
what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.
Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

Hymn: Christians, awake 135 verses 1 & 4

Blessing:

L> The Wonderful Counsellor guide you,
The Mighty God protect you,
The Everlasting Father be with you,
The Prince of Peace inspire you,
And the blessing of God be upon you, now and evermore.

ALL> Amen.

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**Note:** There will be no 9 a.m. services on Dec. 23, 30 and January 6.  
They will resume on January 13, 2019.