

# CAHILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 12, 2010  
Third Sunday in Advent

## THIS WEEK AT CAHILL

Welcome and Announcements

- Birthdays and Anniversaries - Special Matters - Sharing Joys and Concerns

## PRELUDE

Christmas Reflections

Douglas

## \* PRAISE HYMN

*Sanctuary*

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*(Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true,  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.)*

## \* WORDS OF WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***And also with you.***

Come once more, with eager longing, to receive the promises of God.

***Out of the desert places of our lives we gather with joy and gladness.***

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

***Our God has promised that lonely places and deserts will be glad and blossom as the rose.***

The Lord has promised that the blind will be able to see,  
the deaf will hear, the lame will leap and dance,  
and those who cannot speak will shout for joy.

***Our God, who made heaven and earth and all that is in them,  
keeps faith forever. He sets the prisoners free and brings healing to those who seek him.***

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down and watches over strangers.  
He upholds the orphan and the widow.

***Our God executes justice for the oppressed  
and gives food to the hungry.***

Come once more, with eager longing, and bless the holy name of our God.

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Chip, Beth, Jacob, and Megan Smith

## INTROIT

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

Today is the third Sunday of Advent - the Sunday of Joy.

Our joy is in God and in his son Jesus Christ. Like hope and peace, joy is a gift from God. It overtakes us and fills us when we remember what God has done and what he has promised to do.

We light this candle today to remind us that Christ came, and is coming, so that all people might have a rich and abundant life. We thank God for the hope he gives us, for the peace he bestows, and for the joy he pours into our hearts.

Lighting of the First, Second, and Third Candle

Let us pray -- O God of Joy, Emmanuel, send your light into our hearts. Help us to be ready for day and hour of Christ's appearing. Fix our hearts and our minds upon those things you have done and those you have promised to do that we may have the joy you have promised. As we worship you, strengthen us so that we may always do your will and so bless you and the world you have made. Amen.

**SONG: "A Candle Is Burning"** (sung to tune of Away In a Manger)

***A candle is burning, a candle of joy.***

***A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.***

***Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow  
as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.***

## \* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

UMH #240

## SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS/\*DOXOLOGY

Offertory

See the Child in the Manger

by Roberts

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament, page 622, Isaiah 35:1-10

New Testament, page 9, Matthew 11:2-11

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN OF PRAYER

*Away In a Manger*

UMH #217

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys and Concerns

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

Guard Him, Joseph

**Beth Smith**

**SERMON**

**"Are You The One?"**

**A. J. Hillin**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

**UMH #251**

**THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

You are invited to meet the pastor at the altar to place your membership in the church by profession of faith, transfer of membership, or to recommit your life to Christ.

**\*THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**UMH #48**

**\*COMMISSIONING**

**In the power of the Holy Spirit we now go forth into the world, to fulfill our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**Welcome, Visitors.**

We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us this morning and we invite you to come again.

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