

Knox Presbyterian Church

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Prayer on Entering the House of the LORD

O God of majesty and grace, we enter this your house of worship and prayer with joy in our hearts, for you have called us your beloved children, and that is what we are. As we celebrate the gift of Baptism through the Holy Spirit, may we remember in our hearts the day we were claimed by you through our Baptism. May we know your joy in our hearts and peace in our souls as we worship you this day; in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Order of Worship for 3rd Sunday of Advent December 11, 2011

We gather in God's name to worship

Organ Prelude

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy – Phyllis MacDonald

*Hymn #118: *Hark the glad sound*

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn #143: *Infant holy, infant lowly*

We hear the Word proclaimed

Sacrament of Baptism

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1 – 4, 8 – 11 (724)

Responsive Reading: Luke 1:45 – 55 Insert

1Thessalonians 5:16 – 24 (1148)

John 1:6 – 9, 15 – 28 (1027)

Leader: The Word of the LORD **People: Thanks be to God**

Choir Anthem

Sermon: Confess – witness – testify!

We respond to God's Word

*Hymn #145: *In the bleak mid-winter*

The Offering

*Presentation & Dedication of our Gifts (Doxology #830)

Pastoral Prayer and the LORD's Prayer (*debts & debtors*)

We go forth to serve God

*Hymn #153: *Joy to the world*

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Choral "Amen"

*Please stand if you are able

We extend a warm welcome to all who are joining us for worship this morning. If this is your first time worshipping with us, we would be delighted if you would sign our Guest Book. We invite you to stay for coffee/tea and fellowship following the service in the lobby so that we may have an opportunity to get to know you a little better. May God grant His blessing upon you and this gathering of His people.

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Today's bulletins are in memory of Muriel Profitt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Session is delighted to welcome Georgia, Eugene, Mercy and Emenike into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to them during our time of fellowship following the service.

Sundays 10:15 – 10:45 – Prayer meeting in the Parlour: join us as we gather in prayer to discern God's plan for this, His church.

Mon Dec 12th – 6:00 p.m. Session meeting @ Jim's Restaurant

Thurs Dec 15th – 7:00 p.m. – Final session of our Advent Bible study.

Sun Dec 18th – 11:00 a.m. – we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion: O taste and see the LORD is good.

Sat Dec 24th – 7:00 p.m. – Please note the change of time from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for our Christmas Eve service. We look forward to seeing you at this peaceful service of lessons and carols.

Texts for next Sunday – Advent 4 – Love

2Samuel 7:1 – 11, 16

Psalms 89:1 – 4, 19 – 26

Romans 16:25 – 27

Luke 1:26 – 38