Third Sunday in Advent

Love

Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Merciful God, you come into our midst longing for communion with us, becoming one of us. Break our resistance to life with you, show us the path toward just relations, and bring us into your unimaginable peace. Amen.

The Candle of Love

The candle of love symbolizes God's love for us and our love for one another. For the Lord rejoices over us with gladness, and renews us with his love. He exults over us with singing and turns our shame to praise. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Please welcome George Corbett, Guest Oboist

Greeting		Charles Qualls
Voluntary	Prelude on Greensleeves	Charles Callahan
Responsive Call to Worship:		
There will be signs in the heavens and distress among the nations.		Steve Gibson
When Christ returns in power and glory people will faint with fear.		Charles Qualls
But when you see these things, lift up your heads;		Steve Gibson
our redemption is drawing near!		Charles Qualls
Invocation and the Lord's Prayer		Steve Gibson
Solo	The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came	Robert J. Powell
Scripture Reading		Chares Qualls
Pastoral Prayer		Charles Qualls
Solo	Dost Thou in a Manger Lie	Robert J. Powell
Sermon		Charles Qualls
Benediction		Charles Qualls
Voluntary	Allegro	Antonio Vivaldi