

~God Renews Us in Christ~

**We Corporately Confess Our Sin and Need** Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**We Silently Confess Our Sins**

**Song** He Will Hold Me Fast (CCLI#251645)

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

**Refrain:** He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. **Refrain**

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! **Refrain-2X**

**The Assurance of Pardoning Grace** Hebrews 10:5-18

**Song** Christ Our Hope In Life and Death (CCLI#251645)

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

**Refrain:**

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? **Refrain**

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?  
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore. **Refrain-2X**

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

~God Instructs Us with His Word~

**We Listen to God** Zechariah 3:1-10

**Sermon** Hope for the Unclean (part 2)

**Hymn** Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

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**~God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table~**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**~God Receives Our Offerings and Requests~**

**We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Missions Moment**

**~God Blesses and Sends Us Out~**

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**



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## **Third Sunday of Advent Service of Worship**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

**~God Calls Us to Worship Him~**

**Call to Worship** Zechariah 6:12-13; Ephesians 2:19-22

**Pastor**

‘Thus says the LORD of hosts,

**Congregation**

“Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD.

**Pastor**

“It is he who shall build the temple of the LORD and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on his throne. And there shall be a priest on his throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.”

**Congregation**

So then we are no longer strangers and aliens, but we are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

**Pastor**

In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. Come let us worship and proclaim the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**Hymn** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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**Prayer of Worship**