Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 15, 2024 * 8:00 am

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump



We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Coming Events

Sunday, Dec. 15 - Advent 3

- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 11:15 am St. Anne's Christmas Cookie Hour
- 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal

Monday, Dec. 16

- 6:30 pm Concert Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Sunday Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Dec. 17

• 7:00 pm Taizé Service and Reception

Wednesday, Dec. 18

- 10:00 am Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 5:00 pm Good Grief Support Group

Thursday, **Dec. 19** – 1:00 pm Quilters and Knitters Group

Friday, Dec. 20 – 4:00 pm St. Luke's lunch prep

Sunday, Dec. 22 – Advent 4

- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 11:30 am Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Monday, Dec. 23

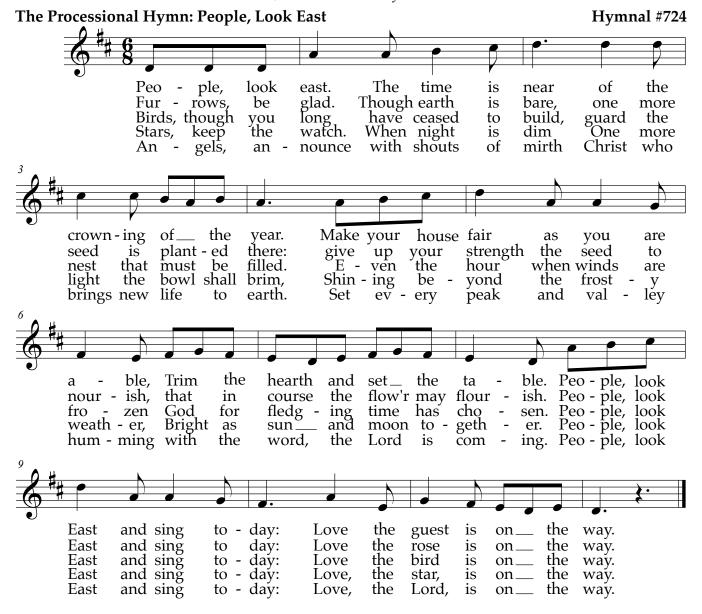
- 9:00 am to noon Altar Guild Decoration of the Church
- 7:00 pm Concert Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve

- 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Service
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal: final dress rehearsal
- 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Choir Concert
- 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, Dec. 25 - 9:00 am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

For more events, dates and times, visit our church calendar: https://bit.ly/stfranciscalendar



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¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;

shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

15 The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,

he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

The Response.......Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah (Book of Common Prayer p. 86)
The EpistlePhilippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to

untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸ So, with many	y other exhortations,	he proclaimed the	good news to the people.

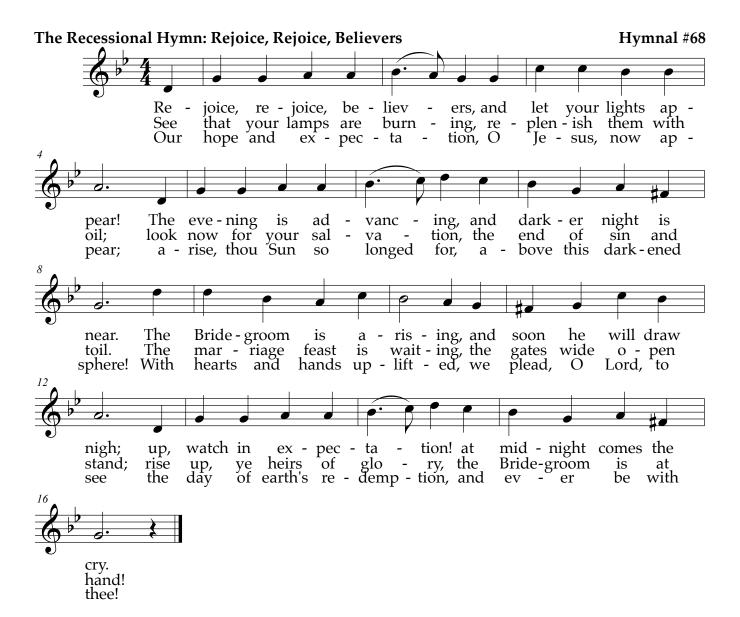
The Sermon	The Rev. Jason Shelby
The Nicene Creed	
The Prayers of the People	Book of Common Prayer p. 328
The Confession	Book of Common Prayer p. 331
The Peace	Book of Common Prayer p. 332
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The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Great Thanksgiving	Book of Common Prayer p. 333		
The Lord's Prayer	, .		
The Post-Communion Prayer			
The Blessing and Sending Forth	Book of Common Prayer p. 339		
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The Postlude

Variations on "Stuttgart"

arr. David Knight

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Albert, Andrea, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Charlotte Baker, Chris, Chris Goldsmith, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jayne Bray, Jean Dicus, Judy Morgan, Kristen, Loren, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Russell, Sally Hill, Sandy, Stephen, Tommy, Tony Lowe, for the people of the Middle East, and victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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