**Morning Order of Worship**

December 16, 2018—9:30 AM

**Third Sunday in Advent**

REJOICING IN THE LORD

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship—Psalm 5:11

We Light the Third Candle of Advent—The Candle of Joy

\*God’s Greeting

\*Opening Song of Worship

PH #340 vs. 1, 2, 3—*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

APPROACHING THE LORD

Advent Scripture Reading: Luke 2:15-20

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance—Hebrews 12:2

Song of Response

HWC #144 vs. 1, 4—*How Great Our Joy!*

Congregational Prayer

Offering for Capital Fund

(After the offering, the pianist will play, *Jesus Loves Me*, and the children are then invited forward for the Children in Worship Dismissal)

Children in Worship Dismissal (Ages 3-5)

The Blessing—**Congregation—The Lord be with you**

Children—And also with you

**LISTENING TO THE LORD**

\*Song of Preparation

HWC #162—*The Birthday of a King*

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10 (page 695)

Message: ***Coming Home to Joy***

(Series: Coming Home for Christmas)

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application

PH #337 vs. 1, 3, 4—*Joy to the World*

**LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

\*God’s Parting Blessing

\*Doxology

HWC #132 vs. 3—*Angels We Have Heard on High*

\*Postlude

**Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Pastor Matt Riddle

Pianist: Kathryn Zeinstra

Prelude: Sam Downing, Mara Johnston, Ellie Koop, Breanna Lamer,

Brinae Schrotenboer

Advent Candle: The Bottorff Family

*\*Please Stand*