**Morning Order of Worship**

December 17, 2017—9:30 AM

Third Sunday of Advent

REJOICING IN THE LORD

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

Our souls magnify the Lord!

**Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!**

The mighty One has done great things for us!

**Holy is God’s name!**

Let us worship God.

**For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;**

**from generation to generation God gives mercy.**

—based on Luke 1:46-50

\*God’s Greeting

\*Opening Song of Worship

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

HWC #144 vs. 1, 2, 4—*How Great Our Joy!*

*(The children are invited forward during the last song for the lighting of the Advent candle.)*

APPROACHING THE LORD

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

God's Will for Our Lives—Psalm 30:11

Song of Response

 Screen—*Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the General 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 #157—*Away in a Manger*

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20 (page 992)

Message: ***The Sign of the Manger***

(Series: The Signs of Christmas)

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application

HWC #147—*Silent Night! Holy Night!*

**LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

\*God’s Parting Blessing

\*Doxology

 HWC #138 vs. 1—*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

\*Postlude

**Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Pastor Matt Riddle

Pianist: Amy Wallenburg

Praise Team: Roy Alofs, Breanna Lamer, Deb Lamer, Kathryn Zeinstra, Payton Zeinstra

Reader: Samuel Vande Wege

*\*Please Stand*