**Worship – Sunday, December 13, 2020**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #120 vs. 1-3

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “Sleep Jesus” – Les Marsh

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Invitation to Worship:

The advent of Christ brings the joy of God’s presence in our midst!   
**We sing praises to God for the salvation Christ brings to us!**  
Because of Christ, the weak are strengthened, the fearful are encouraged, and the unrighteous are redeemed!  
**Joy and gladness are ours, because God has come to us in Christ to walk with us in the paths of righteousness!**  
***All: As we continue our preparations for Christmas, may our***

***celebrations renew our faith and fill us with joy and thanks.***

Invocation & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28 – Jon Burdeshaw

Children’s Message – Laureen Galayda

Praise Music: “O Bethlehem” – Les Marsh

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 – Pastor Sharon

Sermon: “I Will Greatly Rejoice in the Lord”

Hymn: “The First Noel” #131 vs. 1,2 & 4

Prayer Time

Hymn: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” #143 vs. 1,2 & 4

Benediction

Postlude: “Blest Be the Lord” – Les Marsh

**John 1:6-8, 19-28**

6There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

19This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” 20He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” 21And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” 22Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” 23He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. 24Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. 25They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” 26John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, 27the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” 28This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.