**December 11, 2022**

**Third Sunday in Advent**

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “Silent Night” –Gina Palmieri

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle: Gina & Kevin Palmieri

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: Isaiah 35:1-10 – Darlene Steele

Children’s Message – Laureen Galayda

Praise Music: “Mary, Did You Know?” – Gina Palmieri

Scripture: Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon: “Are We to Wait for Another?” – Pastor Sharon

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

Prayer Time

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

Benediction

Postlude: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” – Les Marsh

\* Those who are able, please stand.

**Isaiah 35:1-10**

35The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus 2it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. 3Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

5Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; 7the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. 8A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. 9No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. 10And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Proud grandparents, Bill and Barbara McKay, give today’s flowers*

*in honor of Justin and Stephanie’s marriage on December 10th.*