

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Address

Waiting
Part 3: *Waiting Together*

Worship Celebration
December 13, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* No. 203

* BENEDICTION and CHALLENGE

* POSTLUDE

Sermon Notes:



Today's Servants

USHERS: William Hatcher, Madysin Hewitt, Kay & Jack Jones

ACOLYTE: Madysin Hewitt

READERS/ACTORS: Dan Bacon, Betty Brunlieb Price,
Dr. Jan Elsea, Olivia Witt, Christopher Wurpts

AUDIO: Jim DeBusk

VIDEO: Kim Summers

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*Alive with the Spirit,
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MEDITATION

*Ah, dearest Jesus, holy child, make thee a bed soft undefiled,
within my heart that it may be a quiet chamber kept for thee. ~ Martin Luther*

CHORAL INTROIT

* CALL TO WORSHIP and LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Rev. Dr. David Summers

Leader: The prophet Jeremiah reminds us, the Lord is good
to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

**People: O Lord, be gracious to us; we wait for you.
Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble.**

Leader: We light these candles and worship in hope.
The Lord is a god of justice;
blessed are all those who wait for him.

**All: Give us faith to watch and wait for you, O God,
and welcome your presence with us.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE *Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement* (see screen)

* OPENING PRAYER Christopher Wurpts, Youth Ministries Director

Holy God, come lead us by your light to the cradle of peace.

Come with angels to sing us to a deep joy.

**Come to this moment and open our hearts so we may hear
the familiar story new and fresh.**

**May we meet again the child in the manger who is Emmanuel —
God with us. Amen.**

* MOMENTS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

* HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* No. 204

*When you see an * in the order of worship, please stand as you are able.*

*Large-print bulletins, Bibles and hymnals, as well as assistive listening devices
and wheelchairs, are available from the ushers.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**God of peace, you sent light into the world
in the coming of Jesus Christ.**

We confess that we have not followed the light given to us.

**We have not searched for signs of your love,
or trusted the goodness of your good news.**

**We have failed to praise your Son's birth as we have
refused his peace on earth.**

We have expected little and hoped for less.

**Forgive our doubt. Help us to once more hear the glad story of
the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance

Leader: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

(Please fill out and pass the fellowship pad)

ANTHEM *E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come* Paul Manz

Melissa Solomon, Jean Arkwright, Michael Talerico, Brad Arkwright

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SHARING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *I Wonder as I Wander* John Jacob Niles

Melissa Solomon, soprano; Dr. Andria Fennig, piano

* DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 95

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN OF PREPARATION *Children of the Heavenly Father* No. 141

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 26-44 (pg. 56, N.T., Pew Bible)

Reader: God's Word for God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**