



A HOME
FOR all
Third Sunday of Advent

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 12

*All are invited to sing during the congregational songs in worship!
We ask that you please **wear a mask at all times while indoors**, out of an abundance of caution
and out of respect for the health and safety of all people joining us for worship.*

Prelude

“Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming”
Pam Weis

arr. Pepper Choplin

Welcome

Anna Beth Cross

✠ **Call to Worship**

One: A voice calls out in the wilderness.

**All: It sings of a home for all.
It speaks of justice and peace.**

One: How will we respond?

**All: We could drown out that song.
We could choose not to listen.**

One: Instead we can come into this space with humble hearts and open ears.

**All: We can let the world grow quiet.
We can listen.**

One: A voice calls out in the wilderness.
Do you hear it?

All: We hear it. In listening, we worship.

One: Let us draw near to God.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Amy and Bill Pendergrass

† **Opening Song**

“Close to Home”

Words and Music by
Christian McIvor ©2021

After all that we've been through,
We're homesick for the world we knew but wanting more.
Help us know what's good and true –
That in our hearts, O God, it's you we're longing for.
As we seek to build your kin-dom far and near,
Give us hope that lets us know that you're still here,
Close to home, close to home.

Help us now prepare a place
In us, O God, for you a space to break right through.
In our action and our word,
May your great love be felt and heard and all made new.
As we lay a strong foundation on your way,
Give us peace that lets us know you always stay
Close to home, close to home.

Help us always make the choice
To cry out loud and be the voice that welcomes all.
Let us show the whole world how
To create change, 'cause here and now is where we're called.
We will work for justice and equality,
Give us joy that for our neighbors we might be
Close to home, close to home.

Help us set your Spirit free,
In your abundance, let us be your open arms;
Shelter from the endless storm,
A refuge where all might stay warm and safe from harm.
Let us be a sanctuary of your grace,
Give us love that we might always make this place
Close to home, close to home.

Children's Message

April Alston

† **Offertory Hymn 286**

“Once in Royal David's City”

IRBY;
Words by Cecil F. Alexander,
trans. Catherine Winkworth;
Music by Henry J. Guantlett

† **Doxology**

“Doxology for Advent”

VENI EMMANUEL;
Words by Thomas Ken,
Plainsong Melody adapt. Thomas Helmore

Em G C D7 G D G C G
Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

5 Am Bm7 Em Am Em B7 Em A7 D Em
here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

10 D Bm G C Am D7 G D Em Bm G
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -

15 C D7 Em D G C G Am Em Bm Em
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Prayer of Dedication

Lisha Stewart

Scripture Reading

Zephaniah 3:19-20
Luke 3:1-18

Trish Boone
Heather Choplin

Sermon

“A Home for All”

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

"Cradle Carol"
GBC Adult Choir

Words by Rebekah Pringle,
Music by Dan Forrest

Lord Jesus, Savior, infant weak,
why come to earth as one so meek?
A newborn babe, helpless and small;
and yet Creator of us all.

Thou hast no beauty, form, nor grace;
no fortune, rank, no fame, no place
That men should see Thee and adore
a babe so humble and so poor.

But to the soul whose eyes are healed,
to whom the Truth has been revealed,
Thy glory challenges the sun;
Thou art a thousand joys in One.

Though strangers see a babe in straw,
thy children see the Lord of all
Who laid aside his rightful reign
to take away our sin and shame.

This sacrifice of love divine,
this condescension to mankind
With beauty robes Thy lowly frame,
and sanctifies Thy simple name.

O aid my worship, Mighty King,
that I might with the angels sing,
"Glory to God on high!"
Now crowned again beyond the sky!

Oh, help me see Thee and adore
this little child, my God and Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

Steve Rose

Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

† Hymn of Response

“For Everyone Born”

FOR EVERYONE BORN;
Words by Shirley Erena Murray,
Music by Brian Mann

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair,
(Refrain)

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,
(Refrain)

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,
(Refrain)

Celebrating Community

April Alston

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

As you leave this service, your service begins:
Comfort the homesick.
Open your doors to others.
Seek sanctuary.
Be brave enough to go home by another way.
And remember that here in God's house, all are welcomed—so come back soon.
In the name of our Foundation—God, Spirit, and Son—
go in peace.

This week’s mission offering benefits Oak City Cares. Oak City Cares is a public-private partnership that exists to support the self-determination of our neighbors experiencing homelessness through trusting relationships and connections to coordinated services that increase their ability to be safely and stably housed. Through our offering of items that provide warmth, we not only recognize that not all homes have four walls and a roof, but we also help these individuals know that they are loved and cared for. Oak City Cares is truly working towards ensuring that there really is a **Home for All** here in Raleigh.

Next week’s mission offering benefits InterAct of Wake County. InterAct is a shelter and support system for victims of domestic violence and abuse in Wake County. InterAct saves lives, rebuilds lives, and secures safer futures for victims and survivors and their families. Our offerings of items for the moms and babies they serve will help those **Seeking Sanctuary** find safe and secure temporary homes as they begin to heal and rebuild their lives.

What to Bring: laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaner, feminine hygiene products, baby wash, diaper cream, baby lotion.

Thank you to Cranberry Tree Farms for their gracious donation of wreaths and for the beautiful Chrismon trees in the Sanctuary.

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Dutch Cradle Cross

For centuries the Dutch placed Cradle Crosses over the beds of their infant children-that this symbol of the Christian faith might always be a part of the child's consciousness. Today we hang a Cradle Cross to celebrate the birth of Thayer Richard McIvor, 12/1/21, son of Christian and Chrissy, brother of Juliette and River.



Greystone Prayers and Praises

- Birth of Thayer Richard McIvor, 12/1/21, to parents Christian and Chrissy, sisters Juliette and River
- Gwen Baine
- Charlotte Davis
- Duane Long
- Cathy Smith
- Chris Allen
- Carl Dawson's sister-in-law, Jo Dawson
- Sandra Hunt's father, Lloyd Parrish
- Joy Croom Griffin's husband, Ray Griffin
- Sylvia Cash's brother-in-law, Billy Walker
- Sylvia Cash's friend, Peggy Vaughan
- Sylvia Cash's friend, Juanita Luna
- Emily Tuttle's family on the death of her grandfather, David Forrest, 11/25/21
- John Vestal's family on the death of his sister-in-law, Kim Radwick, 11/22/21
- Deanna Choplin's family on the recent death of her cousin, Vic Thompson
- David Alston's family on the death of his great nephew, J. J. Ferguson, 11/22/21

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*With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones,
where every member is a minister and is equipped to express God's love
by word and deed to all people.*

Based on 1 Peter 2:5, 6