



December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude Ushering in The Light of Christ...  
A Time to Gather Welcome/Announcements/A Word of Hope!  
Lighting the Advent Wreath  
**ALL: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

A Call to Worship

ONE: Children of God, open your eyes, clear out your ears.

**ALL: We look for a desert in bloom, We listen for the voice of life itself**

ONE: Prepare your hearts, be strong, do not fear!

**ALL: The Holy One is coming, soon...very soon! May our sorrow turn to joy; let us sing to the Lord! O come, O come, Emmanuel!**

A Time to Sing: *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

**UMH #204**

A Time to Pray:

**Blessed Fearlessness, wings upon which courage lifts, faith's great leap toward what is true. You inspire a maiden's yes, and convert a shepherd's fear to wonder. From the lips of angels, speak to us again, 'Do not be afraid,' and lead us beyond fear's darkness into God's freeing Advent light.**

**Lord God, in this desert place, pour out the power of your Spirit so that your Word may blossom in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our way of fearlessness in the wilderness. Amen.**

A Time to Listen SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35:1-5

Matthew 11:2-11

A Time to Speak

*Put on FEARLESSNESS*

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

A Time to Pray Prayer For God's People, Church & World

*saying, God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

A Time to Give Offering ...

*Offertory Cantata "Go Sing It on the Mountain" Rockland/Saint James Choir*

Doxology

*Glory Be To The Father*

**UMH #70**

A Time to Go And... Sending Forth with Blessing

\*Choral Response

*Joyous Nowell to the World" (P. Choplin)*

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**We welcome you to worship with us again!**

To our guests, thank you for visiting us today. Please fill out a visitor's card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate or see the pastor. Join us in the overflow room for fellowship time after the service.



### Calendar of Events at Rockland:

- DEC 15 – Thursday Bible Study “Under Wraps”
- Dec 18 – Caroling for Homebound Saints with Saint James
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Worship, 7 pm
- Dec 25 – Christmas Sunday Worship, 11 am
- Jan 01 – New Year’s Sunday Worship, 11 am

✚ **Pray for those in need:** Family of Gladys Latimer, Oliver family, Shirley Massey, Joshua Poe, Ken Dobrovolsky, Lois White, Mamie White, Paul & Ruth Cook, Lydia & Jim Roth, Glenda Teachey, Carol Lucas, Dale Wagner, Liz Wagner, Shane Mayhew, Austin & Mary Twigg, Marilyn Victory, Shirley Gamber, John Klein Sr, Eric & Cindy, Faith, Janae, Lexi, Gene & Jaimie Phelps, Dave Twigg, Bob Dewling, Baby Lincoln and family, Richard Pruitt, travelers

✚ **Pray for our home-bound:** Jack LeBon, Phil McShane, Leslea & Marvin Musser, Sue Stein, Thelma Stirn

Heartfelt thanks to the singers of Rockland UMC and Saint James UMC for the offering of the Cantata, ‘Go Sing It on the Mountain’ by Pepper Choplin. To God be the Glory!

About this Cantata: The birth of Jesus is a scene of awe-inspiring humility: God in human form, born in a lowly manger for our salvation. Pepper Choplin employs a highly inventive mixture of mountain melodies, folk hymns, spirituals, familiar carols, and original music to tell the story. *Go Sing It on the Mountain* proclaims the good news from the prophet Isaiah's proclamation, "Comfort, O comfort my people, to the final exuberant celebration: Joy to the World! Christ is born!"

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Celebrates God's love through witness and service

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*Put on Fearlessness*  
And  
*“Go Sing It on the Mountain”*



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