

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

THE SHARING OF CONGREGATIONAL JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

WE DEPART TO BEAR CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

Joy To the World!

No. 40

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.*

POSTLUDE

Joy To The World

arr. Connie Frerich

Deck the Halls

arr. Connie Frerich

Brevard Brass Ensemble



Remember, as you leave this sanctuary, that you are entering God's mission field!

We welcome and thank Rev. Sandy Hill for leading worship today.

Sandy is a retired pastor, having served almost 11 years at the Presbyterian Church of the Good Shepherd in Melbourne as their Solo Pastor. She lives in Merritt Island with her husband of 43 years, Bob Hill, and they attend Merritt Island Presbyterian Church - the church who sponsored her through Columbia Theological Seminary, and where she was an elder, and then was ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament in March of 1997. She continues to be active in Central Florida Presbytery, and is a friend to many at Rockledge PC. Sandy's daughter, Patti, and her family live in Viera, and her son, Bob and his family live in Louisville, KY (where Bob is the solo Pastor of Hopewell PC, and Stephenie is an ordained Chaplain). Bob and Sandy have 4 grandchildren, and love spending time with them.

Special thanks to those who participated in this service:

Scott Apelgren, Laurie Broadway, John Kuntz, Ron Youmans

Glenn Arnold

Jim Bishop

Brevard Brass Ensemble

Organist

Chancel Choir Director

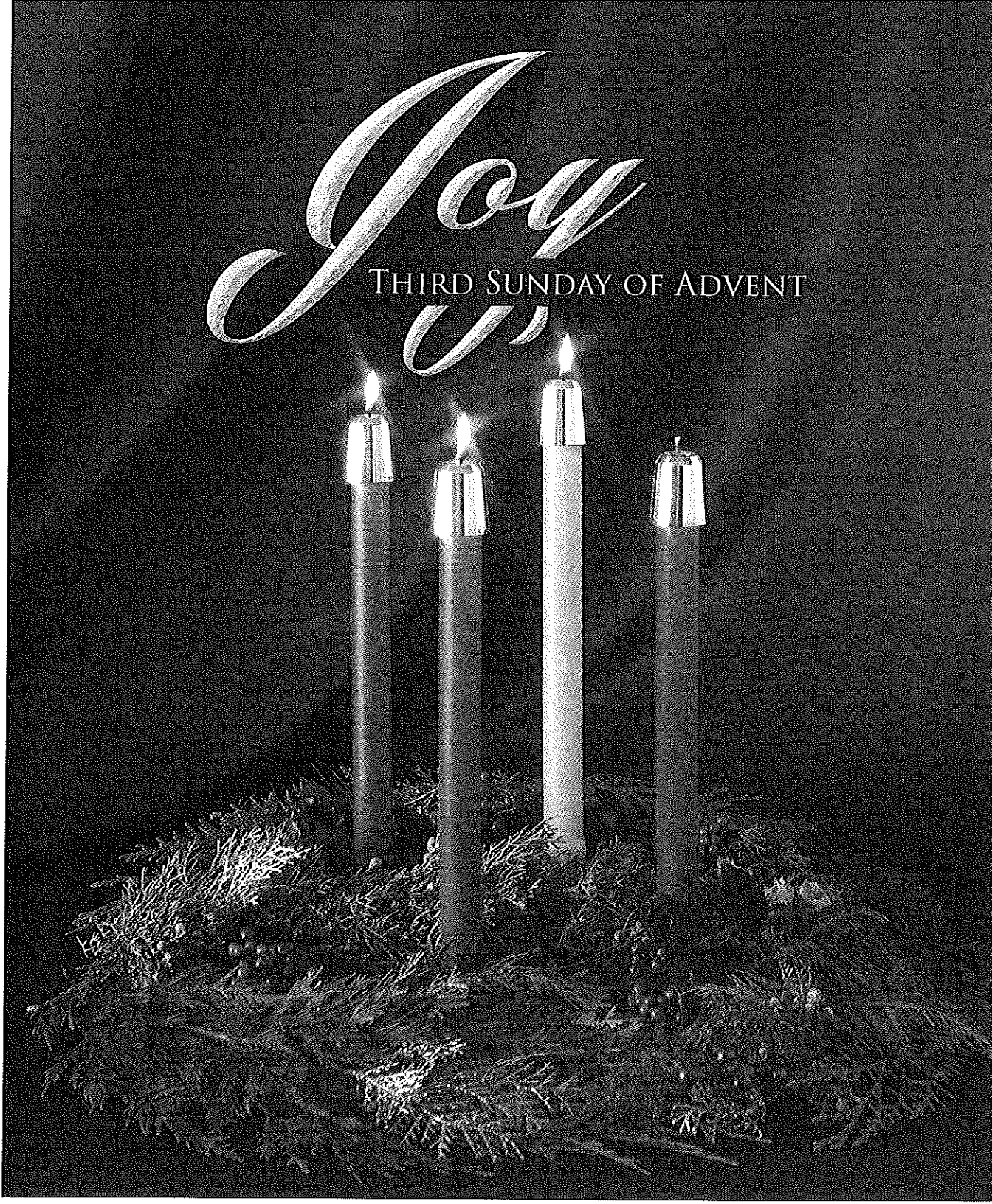
The Rowe/Kramer Families

And the gifted members of the Chancel Choir

No. 3103L



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Rockledge Presbyterian Church



Connected in Christ to God, one another, and the world. John 15:5

December 11, 2016

3rd Sunday of Advent

10:00 A.M.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome! Thank you for enriching our worship with your presence today. Please print the information requested on the Welcome Register. Then pass the Register down the pew and back, noting the names of those worshiping around you and exchange personal greetings with one another.

PRELUDE

<i>Scott Apelgren & John Kuntz, Trumpet</i>	Brevard Brass Ensemble
<i>Laurie Broadway & Ron Youmans, Trombone</i>	
<i>A Child Is Born</i>	<i>arr. Patrick Verhaegen</i>
<i>Silent Night</i>	<i>arr. Tomas Hillerbrant</i>
<i>A Twinkling Star</i>	<i>arr. Tomas Hillerbrant</i>
<i>A Festival of Alfred Burt Carols</i>	<i>arr. Hawley Ades</i>

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Three generations of an RPC family---

Cassidy (daughter of Robin Kramer), Robin (daughter of Jane Rowe) and "Miss Jane" Rowe, who started it all.

Lighter: In the past two weeks, we have lit the candle of hope, and of peace. Today we light the candle of joy! Joy is the foundation of the Christmas story.

All: Psalm 30:5 reminds us, Weeping may go on all night, but joy comes with the morning.

Lighter: Joy is that sense of pure delight that starts in the middle of your chest and infects your face.

All: King David spoke about God saying, Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces. (Psalm 34:5)

Lighter: This Christmas season Jesus came to bring you joy! Look for the moments of surprise, when the joy of the Savior surrounds you and brings delight to your eyes. (Light the first, second, and third candles.)

All: Dear Jesus, we sure need your joy this year! We need to know that you will keep moments of delight in our lives. Fill us, renew us, and sustain us with joy that never ends. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Listen. Deep in the darkest night is the sound of hope.
 Deep in the midst of despair is a message of new life.
 Listen. It is coming closer.
 A bell in the distance,
 A sound of joy,
 An echo of love,
 A note of promise,
 A melody of praise.
 Listen.
 Come, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

No. 5

*PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS (in unison)

God of blessing and love, when the time was right you sent your Son to the world. Teach us the art of patience and give us an understanding of your wisdom. Forgive us for making this holy season of anticipation a whirlwind of lists and activities, a flood of joyless obligations and heartless generosity. Forgive our rush as we forgive those who rush past us. Lead us not into anxiety, but deliver us from pretense. For your kingdom is coming with the power of love, joy, and the glory of angelic carols, now and forever, heralded in the birth of the Christ. Amen.

(The prayer continues with silent, personal confession...)

*DECLARATION OF PARDON (Malachi 3:17)

Leader: You will be my people, says the Lord Almighty.

People: On the day when I act, you will be my very own.

All: I will be merciful to you as a father is merciful to the son who serves him.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

No. 567

WE ATTEND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Holy Spirit, please open our hearts and minds to hear your Word, and allow that Word to breathe and to live within us as we prepare for the coming of the LORD.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Luke 3: 1-6 (NT p. 60)

The reading of scripture concludes with the response:

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Gloria In Excelsis Deo

arr. Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir with the Brevard Brass Ensemble

TIME FOR GROWING DISCIPLES

Following Time for Growing Disciples, elementary age children will gather in Room 5 for Sunday School.

SERMON

"Get Ready"

Rev. Sandy Hill

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Apostles Creed (Ecumenical)

Hymnal, p.14

DEMONSTRATING OUR COMMITMENT TO GOD'S MISSION TO THE WORLD

Offertory

Three Christmas Tunes
Brevard Brass Ensemble

arr. R. Vaughan Williams

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM

Angel's Carol

arr. John Rutter