



OVERLAND PARK  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH



FROM  
GENERATION  
TO GENERATION...  
*We can choose a better way*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

**THE GATHERING** – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Gathering in the Light

Prelude to Worship

"Peace, Peace" with "Silent Night"  
arr. Fred Bock; adapted by Calvin McBride

Calvin McBride, guitar

\*Invitation to Worship

Rev. Chuck Pickrel and Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

*all:* **Today we gather to worship in joy, remembering the many sources of joy in our lives.  
Let this joy not only draw us closer to one another, but closer to God.**

\*Opening Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Chalice Hymnal #119

Invocation

Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Advent Candle Lighting

"Come, Lord Jesus Come" by Joel Raney

The Blackburn Family

*one: Advent is marked by a spirit of joy and celebration*

*all: With Joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.*

*one: Advent is a time to open our eyes to our many blessings.*

*all: With Joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.*

*one: Advent is a time to appreciate the bonds of human love.*

*all: With Joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.*

*one: Advent is a time to remember the promises of God.*

*all: With Joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.*

**THE WORD** – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

"Be Still"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Worship & Wonder Scripture

"The Shepherds Show the Way to Bethlehem"

Rev. Chuck Pickrel

*a Children Worship & Wonder story written by Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome Berryman*

*adapted by J. Richard Gibson, based on Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2*

*(told in the Children Worship & Wonder room)*

Scripture	Matthew 1:18-25 (New Revised Standard Version updated edition)	Nancy Phipps
Scripture	Isaiah 35:1-10 (Common English Bible)	Nancy Phipps
Sermon	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips "From Generation to Generation, We Can Choose a Better Way"	
Special Music	"Gabriel's Message" arr. Glenn Jarrett	Calvin McBride, guitar

### THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Prayers of the People	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Our 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.**  
**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Response in Song	"A Better Way" by Anna Strickland
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Invitation to Stewardship	Pat Gilling
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*Doxology	"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear Doxology"
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Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
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Communion Prayer

Words of Institution	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
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Communion Response	"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" arr. Jim Nailon	Calvin McBride, guitar
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### SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship	Pat Gilling
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*Closing Hymn	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	Chalice Hymnal #155; vv 1-3
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*Blessing and Benediction	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
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Postlude	"What Child Is This?" arr. Joseph Castle	Calvin McBride, guitar
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