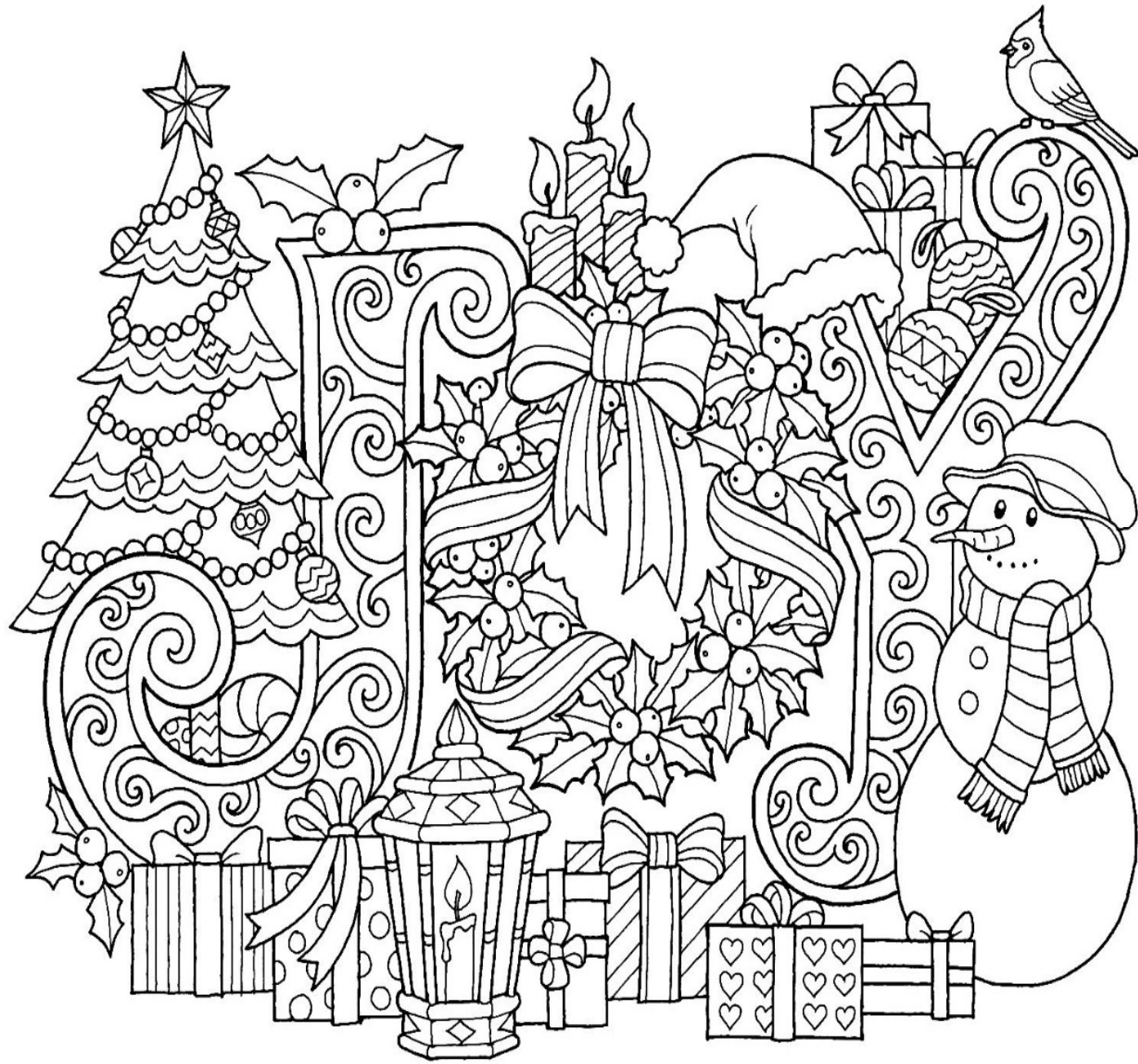


# Children's Bulletin



## Third Sunday in Advent

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## Sunday, December 17, 2017

### CARILLON PEAL

Hear the loud bells? See the children carrying in the flame on a long, golden candle lighter? The sound of the bells, the sight of the candles being lit remind us: We're getting ready for something IMPORTANT and SPECIAL: We're not getting ready for school, or for breakfast, or for bed, but for **WORSHIP!** Why are we doing this? Today is the **Lord's Day**. Now is our chance this week to worship God **together**.

### CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

This music helps bring us closer to God. Did you know that we are praying to God by singing hymns? Let's prepare for worship by listen closely to the music.

**INTROIT** - "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

### WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

God gave you something *you* need to pass along.... Right now? It's the peace of Christ. Smile, with *eyes* and *mouth*, at the people near you and say: "Peace be with you." Shake their hands and remember to turn to the people in the pews behind you!

### TOLLING OF THE CARILLON AND CALL TO SILENCE

**HYMN 31** - "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, have mercy on us.  
We are not ready for your coming.  
We live in sin, as though there were no justice;  
In fear, as though there were no grace.**

**Forgive us, Lord.  
Show us your mercy and steadfast love.  
Lead us in your truth, and teach us your ways,  
For you are the God of our salvation.**

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear this Good News:  
The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**  
All: **Amen.**

**RESPONSE** (All sing—seated) - "Alleluia"

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

**ANTHEM** - "As if Fell Upon a Night"

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON - Luke 2:8-15, 20

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 38** - "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

### SERMON

## Hearing the Angels on High:

## Our Souls at Christmas - Shepherds, Why This Jubilee?

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS** Now we give back to God out of thanks for what we have. This is an act of joy and obedience.

### SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

**HYMN 23** - "Angels We Have Heard on High"

### CHARGE AND BLESSING

**RESPONSE** (All sing) - refrain to "Angels We Have Heard on High"

### CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY