

**First Church in Pembroke
Sunday Worship Service
December 15, 2024, 10:00 AM**

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

“Empowered by the Spirit”

By: Pastor Joy Matos

PRELUDE: Silent Meditation (Contemplative Music)

MEDITATION: Zechariah 4:6
"This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Greet your Church Family: *Let's take a moment to turn to our left and right to meet our fellow members and friends of FCIP, strengthening our sense of community.*

Lighting of the Candle of Joy Jim and Judy Tucker

CALL TO WORSHIP: Congregation in BOLD

P: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

C: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

P: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

C: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

ALL: Let us exalt his name together.

OPENING HYMN: (Please Stand)

#461 (RED HYMNAL) “Come, Ye, Thankful People, Come”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (All, please speak slowly)

Almighty God, we come before you with grateful thanks and with hearts that long to adore you and worship only you. May we listen for your still, small voice as it speaks to us today and as it boldly proclaims the undeniable reality of your love for us. Stir our hearts and our imaginations that we may see beyond what is to what can be through the power of your Spirit. In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE (Congregation in BOLD)

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up unto the Lord.

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

GLORIA PATRI (*Sung in Unison*)
Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Haggai 2:1-5

SERMON: “Empowered by the Spirit” (Pastor Joy Matos)

HYMN: (Please Stand)

#410 (BLACK HYMNAL) “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

OFFERTORY INVITATION: (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (Ushers Will Pass The Collection Plates)

OUR CHOIR WILL SING FOR US.

DOXOLOGY: #515 (Red Hymnal) “Praise God Whom Blessing Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Pastor)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (Pastor)

SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (All, please speak slowly)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil, for the Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE: (Musical Interlude)

CLOSING HYMN: (Please Stand)

#116 (RED HYMNAL) “Angels We Have Heard on High”

BENEDICTION: (In Unison & Hold Hands)

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other
Amen.

POSTLUDE: (Contemplative Music)