Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2008

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship – Come Let Us Adore Him

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle
"The Promise of Victory Over Death"

Praise & Worship

Choir

Scripture Reading – John 3:22-36 NLT

22 Then Jesus and his disciples left Jerusalem and went into the
Judean countryside. Jesus spent some time with them there,
baptizing people.

23 At this time John the Baptist was baptizing at Aenon, near
Salim, because there was plenty of water there; and people kept
coming to him for baptism. 24 (This was before John was thrown
into prison.) 25 A debate broke out between John's disciples and a
certain Jew over ceremonial cleansing. 26 So John's disciples came
to him and said, "Rabbi, the man you met on the other side of the
Jordan River, the one you identified as the Messiah, is also
baptizing people. And everybody is going to him instead of
coming to us."

27 John replied, "No one can receive anything unless God gives it
from heaven. 28 You yourselves know how plainly I told you, 'I am
not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for him.' 29 It
is the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the best man is
simply glad to stand with him and hear his vows. Therefore, I am
filled with joy at his success. 30 He must become greater and
greater, and I must become less and less.

31 "He has come from above and is greater than anyone else. We
are of the earth, and we speak of earthly things, but he has come
from heaven and is greater than anyone else. 32 He testifies about
what he has seen and heard, but how few believe what he tells
them! 33 Anyone who accepts his testimony can affirm that God is
true. 34 For he is sent by God. He speaks God's words, for God
gives him the Spirit without limit. 35 The Father loves his Son and
has put everything into his hands. 36 And anyone who believes in
God's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will
never experience eternal life but remains under God's angry
judgment."

Choir

Sermon

GREAT EXPECTATIONS: SECOND GUESSING

Pastor Roger

Offering

Sending Song

Sermon Notes