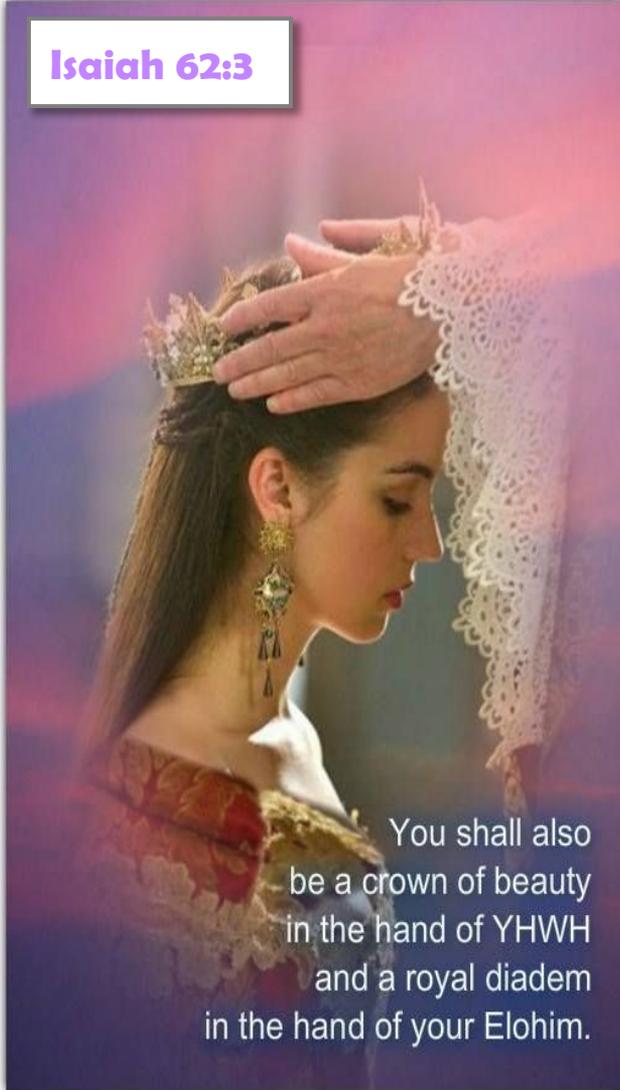


St. John's: Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ

Isaiah 62:3



You shall also
be a crown of beauty
in the hand of YHWH
and a royal diadem
in the hand of your Elohim.

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“Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”

First Sunday after Christmas

December 27, 2020

Welcome

Prelude

*Hymn #105 *What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest*

*Call to Worship Michelle Becker & Jane Donnelly

L: Leader C: **Congregation**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,
and His glory will be seen upon you.

And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising. **Isaiah 60:1-3**

Light all the candles in the wreath AND the Christ candle.

But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,
making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.
Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the
Lord is. **Ephesians 5:13-17**

C: *Let us pray: O Lord, You have given us the Light that is Your Son. May we walk by the Light—and only by the Light—now and forever. Open our eyes that we may truly behold Him rightly and truly. In His name, Amen.*

***Gloria Patri**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Child: Donta Stewart – Reynoldsburg, OH

Mission of the Month: Love Inc. of Hardin County

The Lord's Prayer (*Debts/Debtors*)

Children's Message

Reflecting the Light

John 1:6-9

(children please remain in your seats)

Special Music

Sydney Dyer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

Scripture

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Galatians 4:4-7

John 1:1-18

Sermon

Christmas Garments

***Hymn # 115**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Postlude

***Benediction**

*— Those who are able, please stand



**Welcome to St. John's
Church!**

Scripture Readings (ESV):

Isaiah 61:10-62:3:

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful
headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

62 ¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see Your righteousness,
and all the kings Your glory,
and You shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of Your God.

Galatians 4:4-7:

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His
Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were
under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And
because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our
hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a
son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

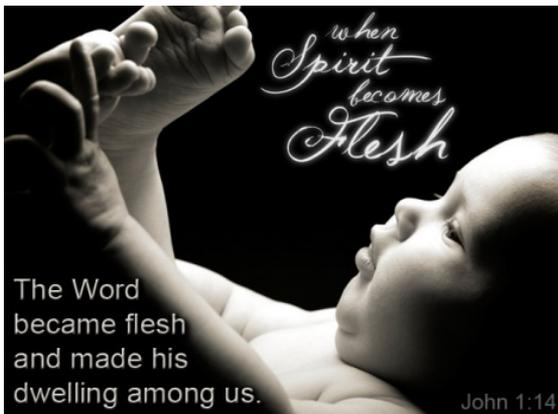
John 1:1-18:

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through Him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. ¹² But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about Him, and cried out, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because He was before me.'") ¹⁶ For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known.



Sermon Notes
27 December 2020

Scripture: **Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Galatians 4:4-7; John 1:1-18**

Sermon: **Christmas Garments**

1. What 'garments' from the world are you being called to shed? What have you clung to that you now find unworthy of a child of God? How is God crowning you with His glory (**Isaiah 62:2-3**), and how does that reveal God to others?
2. Christ's coming long ago allowed us to be adopted into the family of God (**Galatians 4:4-7**). How has being a part of God's family brought you comfort and joy this Christmas?
3. 2020 has been a dark year. How have you seen the Light of Christ shining? How does that comfort you? Where is it leading you for yourself and to bless others?
4. What have you learned in 2020? How will you employ that wisdom in 2021 and beyond? What areas of your life still need refreshed and renewed? Share those answers with someone who will hold you accountable, pray with you, and help you grow in faith.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Child: our prayers today go out to Donta Stewart missing since December 8, 2020 from Reynoldsburg, OH.

Mission of the Month: Love Inc. of Hardin County

Un-decorate the Church: January 10 following the worship service.

Community Men's Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7:30 am at Our Place Family Restaurant (formerly Basil's).

Community Women's Bible Study: Currently not meeting due to Covid Concerns – will provide updates as they are made.

Chancel Choir: Choir will practice once a month on the Wednesday before the first Sunday of the month at 7:30.

Van Driver Needed- Wednesday Nights: Van driver needed for the Wednesday Night Program a couple times a month from 5-7 pm when we restart the program. The church bus has been sold and now has a 12 passenger van that does not require a CDL to drive. Please see Jane Donnelly or the church office.

Wheelchairs: If you have borrowed a wheelchair from the church and no longer need it, please return or if you have one that you no longer use and would like to donate it, that would be appreciated. We used to have several to lend out to those in need. Any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Bulletin Announcements: due by Friday at 9:00 AM.

Week at a Glance:

Today 12/27:

10:00 AM Service - Online

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Randall J. Forester

Chancel Choir Director: David Beazley

Children's Choir Director: Hope Cauley

Bell Choir Director: Jane Baker

Organist/Pianists: Randall S. Rogers, Teresa Broseke, Linda Zeigler

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (12/20): Online

Envelopes:

Loose Offering:

Loose Ones:

December Mission: Love Inc.:

Ushers:

12/27: Michelle Becker & Jane Donnelly

1/3: Jane Baker & Hope Cauley

