

REACH OUT IN CHRIST
3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2024

10:00am

PRELUDE "Air" (Bach) Daniel Herrera Rodrigo

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Dwight Smith

Leader: Today, we light the third candle of Advent, the **Candle of Joy**. This flame represents the joy that Christ's coming brings to all who believe. As the angel announced to the shepherds:

Scripture: "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."
(Luke 2:10-11)

Leader: May this light remind us of the joy that fills our hearts because of Christ's birth, and may we share this joy with the world.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.

WELCOME

HYMN "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #240

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

People: Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.

Liturgist: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

People: Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.

Liturgist: Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

People: Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Lee

OFFERTORY Ruthie Nelson, Daniel Herrera Rodrigo
"Gesù Bambino" (Yon)

RECEIVING OF OFFERING

(You may use this QR code to make online offerings)



DOXOLOGY

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A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Lee

(Also share your concerns through YouTube Live comments.)

Response: "Hear our prayer, O God"

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM "Love Came Down at Christmas"(Raney) Choir

SCRIPTURE READING "Luke 1:26-38" Pastor Lee

SERMON Pastor Lee
"Advent(3) Let It Be to Me According to Your Word"

HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory" #220:1,2,4

BENEDICTION

ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE

CIRCLE OF PRAYER—Sandra Buck, Starla Knox, Ainsworth Brown, Joann Bolt, Joan Klingensmith, George Kranz, Jeanne Summerford, Paul Bennett, Vonnie Maytum, Donna and Glenn Hammel, Karen McGinley, Marcia and Ralph Watt, Fr. Kevin (Bob Yarnell’s brother), Blane Phillips (Belinda Hill’s brother), Heidi McConnell.

WEEKLY REPORT (12/08/2024)

*Worship attendance: 85 people.
*Giving: General Fund \$5917, Children’s Home Gift Cards \$170, Pack-a-Sack \$1500, Food Pantry \$1150, Children’s Ministry \$22, Total \$8759.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ***HOLIDAY HAM LUNCHEON**—Today after church. Sponsored by United Women of Faith. All are welcome!
- ***CHILDREN’S TALENT MARKET**—Today during Children’s Ministry in the Sunday School room.
- ***DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS SUPPORT**—Group meets at Hope Church, 2200 Little Road, 12/16 at 2pm.
- ***CHOIR**—Practice Wednesday, 12/18, 6pm-7:30pm.
- ***LONGEST NIGHT CELEBRATION**—12/19(Thu) 11am at the FUMC pavilion. This is a time to honor local homeless who have passed away this year. Looking for volunteers to help host the event; please sign-up in the narthex.
- ***BAPTISM REQUESTS**—Contact Pastor Lee if you are interested in getting baptized on December 22, 10am. Sign-up in the narthex.
- ***CHRISTMAS CANTATA**—Sunday, 12/22, 10am.
- ***CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**—Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 6pm.
- ***FUMC DIRECTORY UPDATE**—Please let the office know if your address, phone number, or email has changed. If you wish you can also submit a new picture. We will print a new directory in January 2025.
- ***CRAFT GROUP**—Mondays 12:30pm.
- ***BIBLE STUDY**—Wednesdays 10am.
- ***PRAYER GATHERING**—No meetings until 1/8/2025.

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