

Celebration of Worship For the Lord's Day
3rd Sunday in Advent
DECEMBER 17, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: Joy That Lasts John Condron and Terry Marsh
Hear God's promise of joy in Isaiah 9 and Luke 2... For a child is born to us. And the government will rest on His shoulders. These will be His royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. But the angel reassured them, "I bring you good news of great joy for everyone!"

LET US PRAY TOGETHER: Gracious Lord, even when we are aware of life's struggles during the holidays, may we find that they are indeed holy days. Let nothing distract us from the joy that the incarnation brings. Come, Lord Jesus, come to us and to all people. AMEN.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #133: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things - our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone, Amen...** *(please continue to pray in silent, personal confession...)*

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: The truth of Advent is this: God is coming to us! We are not alone. In Christ, we are accepted. We are set free of the past. We are given to the future.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI #622

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

ANTHEM *Love Came to Life*

OLD TESTAMENT READING (PAGE 195): Joshua 2:8-11

NEW TESTAMENT READING (PAGE 1): Matthew 1:3,5

SERMON *"They Went Thataway"*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #134: *Emmanuel (twice)*

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Response of Praise #624

Doxology

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(using "debts" and "debtors")*

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #136: *The First Noel (vs 1-3)*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**all who are able, please stand*

We **welcome** all who worship with us this morning and pray that the service is an inspiration to you.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers.

Pastor – Sheila Wadding
Lay Leader – Betty Lightner
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NEW PRAYER OF CONCERNS Bob Lockhart, family of Lowell Dean, family of Jacob Iseman

PRAYERS OF CONCERNS Dona Crytzer, Joanne Fox, Jeff Wadding, Lois Harris, Dale Smith, (Eric Eckman, Cameron Neigh, Ron Boyer Jr., Zackary Martin; and all our military) Our Rwanda Partner Church: Mucubira

Ushers today are Pam and Chase Gearhart, Ron Rumbaugh, Margie Jamison. Acolyte is Sofia Getty.

Wednesday - Chancel Choir at 7:15 p.m.

There will be no youth Sunday School Classes in the academy on Dec 24th and Dec 31st. Classes will return in January. A special thank you to Heather Calhoun for her teaching the children throughout the year. The adult Sunday School Class will meet as usual.

Please join us for our Christmas Eve Service starting at 7:00 p.m.

There are St. Andrew's Village Membership Applications in the Narthex for 2018. The Friends of the Village works to raise funds to help with residence throughout the year. Please considering helping with this meaningful mission. Directions are included on the application form as to cost and where to send this membership. Thank you.

We extend our thanks to Barney and Cheryl Barnett and Harold Barrett for erecting the poinsettia tree and the following who placed poinsettias:

Barney & Cheryl Barnett In Memory of C. Elaine Barrett & Susie Wright; Bob & Pat Barnett In Honor of Donna Neal, Gwen Shrock, Gene Stockdale
Betty Barrett In Memory of Bernard E. Barrett
Harold Barrett In Memory of Elaine Barrett
Greg and Heather Calhoun In Memory of Elaine Barrett, Bob & Pat Barnett, & Susie Wright
Sara and Brian Crytzer In Honor of Peggy Shoemaker, In Memory of Eric Shoemaker
Family of Betty & Vernon Lightner In Honor of Betty & Vernon Lightner
Eleanor Gahagan In Memory of Donald Gahagan
Jim & Connie Gearhart In Memory of Don Wadding, Nancy Troutman
Don & Joyce Jamison In Honor of Margie Jamison In Memory of Dennis & Betty Rumbaugh; John Jamison; Eleanor & Glenn Doverspike
Margaret Jamison In Memory of John J. Jamison & Betty Wilson
Mike & Shari Kercheval In Memory of Eric Shoemaker
Andrea Marsh In Memory of Roberta Moore
Pauline Marsh In Memory of Wendell Marsh
Bonnie D. McMeans In Memory of June Good, Mimi Kerr; Art & Bernice McMeans
Donna Neal and Family In Memory of Ken & Brian Neal
Dutch & Aldean Rummel In Memory of Brian Rummel; Peg & Cliff Rummel and Arthur & Twila Stockdale
Peggy Shoemaker In Honor of Betty Barrett In Memory of Eric Shoemaker & Bernard Barrett
Gwen Shrock In Honor of family and Marilyn Kihl In Memory of Elvira and Leroy Shrock
Bruce & Sara Steele In Honor of our family
Trish & Rod Stockdale In Memory of Paul & Fern Stockdale
Randy Troutman In Memory of Nancy Troutman & Don Wadding
In Honor of Sally Wadding
Brenda Wadding In Honor of Family and Friends
Ron Walker In Memory of Elaine Barrett and Susie Wright
Scott Wright & Ashley Cumberledge In Memory Susan Wright