



## Third Sunday in Advent - JOY

United Methodist Church

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# JOY

Prelude      **Hark, the Herald Angels Sing**      *Barbara Shaw*

Welcoming the Holy Spirit      *Acolyte(s)*

Greeting and Welcome      *Rev. Peter Freytag*

### \* Call to Worship

One: Brothers and Sisters, join me in worship of our Lord.

**All: God of December darkness and Christmas Light hear our words of praise and worship!**

One: Lord God, deepen our longing for Your Holy Spirit.

**All: Heighten our expectation, and make pregnant our hope!**

One: God of December darkness and Christmas light,

**All: Journey with us during these days so that we may center ourselves upon the birth in Bethlehem!**

\* Hymn      **It Came Upon A Midnight Clear**      *Hymnal #218*

### The Third Advent Candle – Joy      *Youth*

One: This morning we light the Advent Candles of Peace and Hope:

*(The first 2 candles of the advent wreath are lit.)*

One: Today's candle is Joy.

*(Light the Pink Candle of Joy)*

One: Joy is humanity's response to the love our savior has for us. Joy is loving one another in the same way.

**All: In Luke Jesus tells us, "Just so I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." (Luke 15:7)**

One: We celebrate the third Advent candle, the candle of Joy.

**All: May we share the Joy we find in our Risen Lord in this season of celebration of birth and of gifts.**

Anthem      **A Time For Advent**      *Ensemble*  
*By: Stewart Harris*

\* Scripture      **Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11**      *Pew Bible O.T. #650-651*  
One: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks Be to God**

**Prayer Time** – Sharing prayers of concern and celebration.

### Unison Prayer

One: Most Precious Lord,  
we humbly beseech thee to hear our prayers.

**All: Lord You are ever-present and Your gifts to us are awesome. You know those who are hurting, we lift prayers for them. Guide us that we will always return thanks to YOU as the giver of all that is good. Amen.**

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)      *Hymnal #270*

Offertory      **Away in a Manger**      *Barbara Shaw*

\* Scripture      **John 1: 6-8, 19-28**      *Pew Bible N.T. #86-87*  
One: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks Be to God**

\* Hymn      **Joy to the World**      *VBS Video*

Sermon      **The Advent Voice**      *Ngalu Kelemeni*

\* Hymn      **O Little Town of Bethlehem**      *Hymnal #230*

Benediction      **Go Now In Peace**      *Congregation*

\* Please stand if you are able

## This Week's Calendar:

### Office Hours:

**Monday - Tuesday:**

**Wednesday: Office is Closed**

6:00 p.m. – Ensemble Practice

**Thursday - Friday:** 9:00 a.m. – Noon

**Next Sunday, December 24, 2023**

**11:00 a.m.:** Worship Service - Cantata

**7:00 p.m.:** Worship Service – Christmas Eve with Candles

### Christmas Eve Morning - Cantata

The ensemble will present the Cantata “Worship His Glory, Worship the King! At 11 am Christmas Eve Morning

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We will be celebrating after Christmas Eve at 7 pm service with punch and cookies. Feel free to bring in your cookies to share.

### Prayers in our Church Family:

- Ahi T. Jr. serious injuries from car accident.
- Brothers and sisters in war torn locations.
- Renee's son Zach healing his spleen.
- Homebound members
- Dawn's dad Don
- Steve B. healing and good diagnosis
- Christa B. knee surgery
- Deb G.'s G-Granddaughter – Vivian (3 yr.) biopsy results
- Deb G. friend Darlene whose father passed
- Ruella's Cousin Chuck who died
- Jim L. Sciatic pain and balance as he rehabs at home
- Holly A. families struggling with internal issues

Senior Pastor: *Peter Freytag*

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