

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

8:30 am

Contemporary Service of Worship

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Holly, Tony and Luke Haggard **Sermon Notes / Prayer Request**

Praise

Songs

Prayer

God's Word

Children's Sermon

Scripture

Philippians 4:4-7

Pew Bible

1163

Sermon

Margaret

Howe

Prayer

Prayers *(please use prayer cards to indicate thanksgivings and concerns)*

The Lord's Prayer

Passing the Peace

Offering

Dismissal

A Time of Contemplation and Action on What We Give to God

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2015

SERVICE OF THE WORD - 10:45 AM

Entrance

Bell Prelude Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence French Carol
Arr. Pat McCullough for the Joyful Ringers

Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!

**With joyful hearts, we draw living water from the wellspring of
God's salvation.**

With loud singing, we return to a home of love.

With loud shouts, we return to our God.

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!²

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Terry and Lu Stuart

Opening Prayer

**Holy God, as we get closer and closer to Christmas, it
gets easier to get caught up in the excitement and the bustle around us.
Today, we joyfully gather together to worship you. Help us to set aside our
planning and our fretting, our wish lists and our to-do lists, so that we may
focus on you. We pray that your Holy Spirit would fill this place, that we
might hear your voice speaking to us. Amen.***

* Hymn Hail to the Lord's Anointed Hymnal no. 203

Proclamation and Response

Children's Sermon

* Scripture Reading Philippians 4:4-7 Pew Bible page 1163

* Hymn Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Hymnal no. 160

Sermon Margaret Howe

Prayers of the People

Passing of the Peace

Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Offering

Let us bring to God our offerings, with thanksgiving that God provides more than enough for all. Let us give, as each is able, for the benefit of Christ's church and God's world.³

Anthem Love Came Down at Christmas Crawford Thoburn

*Doxology (see insert)

* Offering Prayer

**Gracious God, you have loved us and blessed us beyond our
comprehension. This offering is a humble portion which we desire to give
back to you. We pray that you will use these gifts to bless others, that they
may know your love as we do. Amen.***

Sending Forth

* Hymn Good Christian Friends, Rejoice Hymnal no. 224

A Time of Contemplation and Action on What We Give to God

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² Beu, B. J.; Scifres, Mary J. (2014-04-01). The Abingdon Worship Annual 2015 (Kindle Locations 4795-4799). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

³ (2014-10-24). Feasting on the Word Advent Companion: A Thematic Resource for Preaching and Worship (p. 52). Westminster John Knox Press. Kindle Edition.

HELPING IN WORSHIP

8:30 am	Liturgist	Heidi Mills
	Greeter	Ryan Bisson
	Usher	Lloyd Wright
10:45 am	Head Usher	Will Cass
	Ushers	Lynne Deverman, Janet Houston
		Joseph Norman
	Liturgist	Dale Borchert

OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST SUNDAY

Worship Service	8:30	85	10:45	150
Sunday School		45	Adults	17

THE ROSES ON THE ALTAR are given by United Methodist Women in honor of the birth on December 3, of Ryder Knox Sorrentino, son of Jade and Justin Sorrentino; grandson of Julia Miller, and the birth on December 4 of Elodie Jean Terwilliger, daughter of Hannah and Owen Terwilliger, granddaughter of Pam and Ron Terwilliger.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Dennis and Marcy Conners in honor of granddaughter Katrina Millham's birthday on December 16.

REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS

Vassar Brothers Medical Center – Dick James

Please pray this week for our members: Ruth Arnfield, Barbara Bates, Gladys Bierce, Leonard Butler, Catherine Carroll, Joan Cassidy, Sandra DeGuzman, Eric Eichenhofer, Beverly Farwell, Irene Feller, Irene Firner, Bryan Foy, Emily Griess, Karen Griest, Nora Hunt, Dana Jones, Danny Jones, Faith Krzywicki, Joe Michaloski, Marge Michaloski, Yvonne Morrow, Bea Northway, John Oliver, Karla Quinlan, George Sherban, Gloria Sherban, Hilary Stamper, and Marilyn Zier.

Please keep friends of our church in your prayers: Betsy Allen, Richard Allen, Donald Brooks, Bill Dale, Margaret Darling, Jordan Fidler, Daniel Granger, Emereld Hendrickson, Patricia Houston, Jean Keebler, Erica Kolbrener, Michael McKernan, Bill Robertson, Patricia Schmidt, Arnold Sizemore, Kathy Sorce, Matthew Van Etten, Ava Vinson, Jeffery Wendover, Jr, and Clifford Zier. To renew names on the prayer lists, call the Church Office (452-2933).

Please keep the members of our military, active and/or retired, in your prayers. Joshua Lord
If you have a loved one or friend whose name you would like included, call the church office.

I WILL
SING
TO THE
LORD

*all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the Lord.*

Psalms 104: 33-34

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