

December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Betsy Bower
*(Prayer cards will be collected by ushers during the first hymn.
Please sign the attendance slip and place in the offering plate.)*

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

*Call to Worship: No. 211
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Antiphon 4
Verses 1, 4 and 5

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (verse 1) No. 196

Reader 1: God, you have change judgement to hope,
destruction to restoration, oppression to
liberation and dread to praise.

Reader 2: God, you send before us prophets bringing the
joyful news of the coming of the Messiah.

**All: We, God's people, proclaim with Isaiah, "God is
indeed my salvation; I will trust and won't be afraid.
The Lord is my strength and my shield; he has become
my salvation." (Isaiah 12:2, CEB)**

Reader 1 and/or 2: On this third Sunday of Advent, we
light this candle of joy in recognition of all God's
mighty acts, from the beginning to the end of time.

Response "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" No. 196
(verse 1)

*Hymn "'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 139

*Unison Prayer
**Merciful God, you come into our midst longing for
communion with us, becoming one of us. Break our
resistance to life with you, show us the path toward just
relations, and bring us into your unimaginable peace; in
Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Call to Confession:
As John the Baptist called the people to repent, as Jesus
calls us now, we turn to the one who is both judge and
savior, trusting that repentance opens the door to new
life, and that peace beyond all measure has been promised
to us. Let us confess our sins.

*Prayer of Confession:
**In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need
repentance. We have broken your commands against
idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your
people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid.
Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the
sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the
sake of all the world. Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

1st Lesson	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Pg. 987
Responsive Reading	Isaiah 12:2-6	Insert
Epistle Lesson	Philippians 4:4-7	Pg. 1232
*Gospel Lesson	Luke 3:7-18	Pg. 1073

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

Choral Anthem "Jesus, Messiah"

Children's Message April Aten

*Hymn "Depth of Mercy" No. 355

Our Morning Prayer
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns, Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

Sermon "Prepare the Way: Do" Pastor Kyle

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

Offertory
*Doxology No. 95
*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Holy Communion No. 15
*Jesus is the host at the Communion table.
At Oak Chapel, anyone who loves Jesus
is welcome at the table.*

*Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" No. 203

*Benediction and Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*

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Thank You

Whether you purchased supplies, baked cookies,
donated funds for the trip, traveled to West Virginia
or supported us with your prayers; thanks to all who
helped make the Mt. Vision Christmas in Valley
Head a success again this year.

Service of Longest Night

All of the joy of Advent and Christmas can make this
season a challenging time for some folks — people
who have lost loved ones, people who struggle with
relationships that have broken down and aren't what
they once were, or for whom this season makes them
feel like joy is forced. God is with us in the midst of
these struggles. Our Service of Longest Night is for
those who struggle to find joy in Advent and
Christmas for any variety of reasons. The hope is that
we will find healing and hope as we prepare our
hearts and souls for Christ. Join us Friday, December
21, 6:00 p.m.



Our Prayer List

Our neighbors and our community
Those serving in the armed forces
Our country, its leaders

Our church family

- Jennifer Adair
- Esther Franks
- Rob & Sue Jester
- Dasie Nordick
- Betty Princehorn
- Dick Silver
- Betty Taylor
- Justine Geiser
- Eleanor Franks
- Ed Wirt

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Marci (daughter of Sharon Stitzlein)

Today's Concerns

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless otherwise requested.



Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday, 12/16	Adult Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Sunday School PreK-2	10:30 am
	Blood Pressure Screening	11:30 am
	Caroling to Shut-Ins	1:00 pm
Monday, 12/17	Bible Study	9:30 am
Tuesday, 12/18	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
	Trustees	7:00 pm
Wednesday, 12/19	Choir	7:00 pm
Friday, 12/21	Longest Night Service	6:00 pm
Saturday, 12/22	Weight Loss Support	9:15 am

Looking Ahead

Sunday, 12/23	Adult Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Sunday School PreK-2	10:30 am
Monday, 12/24	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 pm
Tuesday, 12/25	Happy Birthday, Jesus	
	Office will be closed 12/25-12/27	
Saturday, 12/29	Girl Scout Event	6:00 am
	Weight Loss Support	9:15 am



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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

*Serving God and Community
through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship and Caring*