

Gathering Music

Praise Band
He Shall Reign Forevermore
Light of the World

Ringing of the Bells

Dean Brown
We would be grateful if you would fill out the pew pad (with contact information) and let us know you are here this morning. After you have signed in, please pass the pew pad down the aisle. We are so glad you are here!

***Opening Song**

There's a Song in the Air
UMH 249

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jo Ann

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**Lighting our Advent Wreath: Joy
Dan, Alina, Reuben and Adeline Schiopu****Scripture: Luke 1:46b-55**

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the pride in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away

empty. He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Response: God of Good News, as we await your coming we give you thanks for the joy we have in Christ Jesus. May all who seek such joy find it. For all who have ceased to believe in its possibility, may you work through us to show your joy already present. Come, God of Joy, come.

We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, and of deep and everlasting joy. God, you proclaim the unfolding of future joy and renewed life. Strengthen our hearts to believe your advent promise that one day we will walk in the holy way of Christ, where sorrow and sighing will be no more and the journey of God's people will be joy.

O Come O Come Immanuel v3**Children's Time: Share Some Kindness, Bring Some Light****Ministry News**

Jan Southard

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, you have given us all that we have and all that we are. We thank you for the opportunity to respond to your love and generosity by sharing our gifts with others. Our hearts sing with joy as we work with you to bring true peace and justice to our world. As we prepare for the coming of your Son, may our lives proclaim your good news for all throughout the earth. Amen.

Offering***Doxology****Chancel Choir: Advent Hymn****Scripture: Matthew 11: 2-11**

DeAnn Liska

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation**

What Child Is This?
UMH 219

Message:

Pastor Jo Ann

***Closing Song**

Star Child
TFWS 2095

***Benediction**

**Please stand as you are able*

Ministry News

Children's Christmas Pageant dress rehearsals:
Today immediately after church (The Journey Study - in the Fireside room)

December 17th at 3pm (*please note the time change*)

Join us on Sunday December 18th at 5:30pm for our Children's Christmas Pageant & Potluck.

Tuesday meetings:
Congregational Care meets at 10 am.
Finance Committee meets at 6:30 pm
Ad Council is at 7pm

Wednesday studies:
1 pm - Women of the Bible Ch 8 -In the Fireside Room
7 pm - Jesus' Alternative Plan - Zoom

Help us to invite:
Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser - Sunday January 8
Alpha Study - Wednesday evenings beginning January 18

Stewardship Update

Budgeted income per month: \$21,783
November total: \$16,139.53
December to date: \$7,080
Batwa ID Kits: \$1,200 (matched by One Day's Wages)

A special Thank You to our:

Musicians: Jennifer Bohn-Hodapp, Bob Southard
Mike Loring, Jon Detchman, and Craig Stockhaus

Children's Ministry Director: Megan Schlegel
Assistant: Dale Castle
Nursery: Katelyn Mathis

AV: Billy Yaddof, Meghan Green

Flower Team: Jan Southard, Carolyn Almond,
Mieko Heriford, Barb Pfeifer, Patti Novak, Cora Brown

All others that help to make Sunday service
a **joyous** experience.

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December 11, 2022
3rd Sunday of Advent
10:00am