

EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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"SHARING BREAD THROUGH CHRIST"

Rev. Jeff Glandon - Pastor

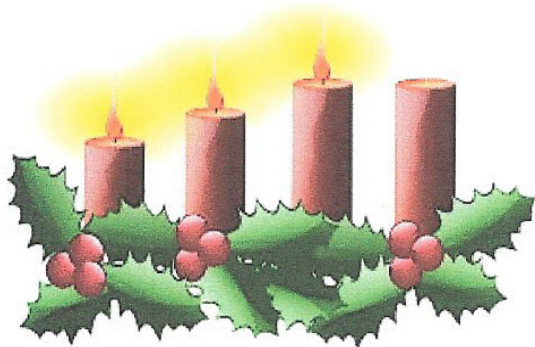


Third Sunday of Advent

"Our Joy "

December 17, 2017

LARGE PRINT



WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion: First Sunday of Every Month

SERVING THIS MORNING

Head Ushers: Donavan Davis/ Bonnie Baugh

Liturgist: Betty Sieckmann

Organist: Eula Gowan

Choir Director: Marilyn Williams

† Please Stand As You Are Able

P=People

L= Liturgist

GATHERING TOGETHER AND SEEKING GOD'S PRESENCE

Bringing in the light, Prelude, Welcome, Passing of the Peace

† **CALL TO WORSHIP OUR PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

L: The light of Christ shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

P: **Christ's light shines in the hearts gathered here today.**

L: We are the church -- called to be a beacon of light to the world.

P: **We are shepherds of the light -- called to be ministers of God's gospel of reconciliation.**

L: We will carry Christ's light forth into the world.

P: **We will proclaim the Good News, rejoicing with exceeding great JOY!**

Lighting of the First, Second and Third Advent Candles: HOPE, PEACE and JOY

(2 Purple & 1 pink)

Betty Sieckmann

ALL: Today, we light the third candle - in celebration of the JOY of Christ's coming into the world, and the JOY of discipleship! Like the shepherds who rejoiced at the message of the angel, we rejoice today and we are called to bear the message to the world that this tiny babe is God's promise of hope, peace and JOY to us all. Thanks be to God.

† **Opening Hymn:**

"Joy to the World"

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

OT = Old Testament NT = New Testament

Hebrew Reading:	<i>Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11</i>	pg. 691 OT
Gospel Reading:	<i>John 1: 6-8, 19-28</i>	pg. 91 NT
Special Choir Song:	<i>"Go Tell It On The Mountain"</i>	Ridenour
Special Reading:	<i>Mark 14: 3-9</i>	Pastor Glandon
Sermon:	<i>"Our Joy"</i>	Pastor Glandon

PRESENTATION OF OUR PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

Joys and Concerns of our Worshiping Family

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *debts and debtors*

Sung Prayer Response:

**ALL: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,
Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, and Grant Us Thy Peace.
Amen.**

† **UCC Affirmation of Faith:** *"The Apostle's Creed"* Back of Red Hymnal

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

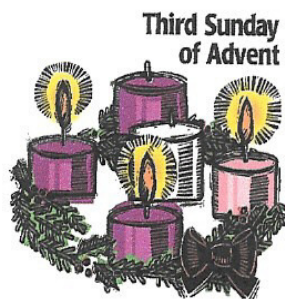
Offertory Invitation

Offertory Music

Receiving of the Christmas Fund Offering *(Please place your offering in the basket as it passes by, if you choose to participate. If you did not receive a purple "Christmas Fund" envelope last week, please let an Usher know, and they will get one to you.)*

† **DOXOLOGY**

**ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all Creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



WELCOME TO ALL THIS MORNING! Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the JOY of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, this Third Sunday of Advent! We're so glad you're here today.

The Peace of the Lord Be You

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FUND OFFERING Today we will receive this special Christmas Fund offering. The money collected will go towards the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund, for those who have faithfully served the UCC Church, and who now find themselves facing unexpected financial needs. **Please let an Usher know if you need a special purple Christmas Fund offering envelope if you did not receive one last Sunday.**

BUDGET ENVELOPES FOR 2018 ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. PLEASE HELP YOURSELF.

DIRECTORY UPDATES: Please be reminded to let the office know of any changes in your address, phone numbers, divorces, marriages, etc. as we begin to update our Directory for 2018

POINSETTIA TIME! If you would like to add a Poinsettia to the Sanctuary for our Christmas Eve Service, they can be brought to the Ed. Bldg. during business hours, Wed & Fri 10-noon and 1-5. If you plan to have a florist deliver them, make sure they have them to the Ed. Bldg. 416 7th St, by **Friday, Dec. 22 at 5:00pm**. Please make sure your florist knows to ring the bell at the Ed. Bldg., so they can be let in.



YOGA - Tues & Thurs at 8:30am in the Lay Center.

COMMUNITY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE, Sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance will be held here in our Sanctuary, This **Tues. Dec. 19 at 7:00pm**. Please plan to come and join together with other community churches in worship, as we welcome the birth of our Savior! Light refreshments will be served following the service, in the Ed. Bldg.

Please plan to bring some cookies or snacks to share for the reception if you are able. Thank You

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE This Wed. Dec. 20

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE will be next **Sunday, Dec. 24 at 10:30am**. There will be **NO** evening service. Please Note that the earlier invitation to visit Donovan Davis's home, (the old parsonage) after the Christmas Eve service, has been moved to **Sunday, Dec. 31** after the service with Brunch being served.

May God Bless You Till We Meet Again....

IN HIS SERVICE FOR
DECEMBER

Head Ushers for December

Donavan Davis &
Bonnie Baugh

December Council Rep

Barb Holtzclaw

Liturgists for December

Dec. 24 - Nancy Casanova
(10:30am Service only)

Dec. 31 - Russ Bradshaw

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 24-31

Sunday, Dec. 24

10:30am - WORSHIP w/ Communion
Ed. Bldg. Rental 4pm - 11pm

Monday, Dec. 25 - Office Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 26 - Office Closed

8:30am - Yoga
CCMH Devotional

Wed. Dec. 27 - Office OPEN

Thurs. Dec. 28 - Office Closed

8:30am - Yoga

Friday, Dec. 29 - Office OPEN

10am - Newsletter assembly

Saturday, Dec. 30

Ed. Bldg Rental/Simmons

Sunday, Dec. 31

10:30am WORSHIP

Open House for Donovan Davis's (*old*
parsonage) home following worship.

Brunch will be served.

Please call Carolyn Koerner to start the Prayer Circle at 882-7967. Prayers to the prayer list may also be added by calling the Church Office at 882-5501.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please let the church office know if these names are correct, and/or if any need to be updated or removed.

Thanks

Linda Leach, Jim Friedrich, Karen Reagan, Warren "Bud" Smith (Jennifer's Uncle) Patty Oerly, Sue Roweton, Vince Moehle, Mike Overstreet, George Chamberlain and Kathi Reed. Warren & Marilyn Morse.

**ADVENT CANDLE
LIGHTERS**

Dec. 19 - Paul Henry

Ministerial Alliance

Community Candlelight Service

Dec. 24 - Brueckner Family



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES Dec. 17-23

Birthdays:

Dec. 17 - Wanda Williamson & Nicole Brady

Dec. 19 - Elizabeth Rodman

Dec. 22 - Darlene Simmons & DeAnne Dilse

Dec. 23 - Brooklyn Heisler

Anniversaries:

Dec. 17 - Danny & Bernita Bright

Dec. 19 - Larry & Betty Sieckmann

Dec. 20 - Don & Marilyn Williams

FOR THE RECORD

Dec. 9

\$536.00

Attn: 31