

Order of Worship
December 15, 2024
Third Sunday in Advent - JOY
Everyone Welcome!

Welcome and Announcements

Lew Walker

Call to Worship – “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” UM Hymnal # 334
There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love. And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Personal Sharing

Lew Walker

*Hymn of Praise “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” UM Hymnal # 251

Lighting the Advent Candle of JOY Bob & Teresa Graham

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, which 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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Offering

*Doxology

Hymn of Preparation “Heb Touched Me” UM Hymnal # 367

Scripture – Philippians 4:4-7

Sermon

Joe Beavon

*Hymn of Dedication “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” UM Hymnal # 89

OUR ALTAR IS ALWAYS OPEN!

*Benediction and Shalom Circle

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursdays, December 19: 5:00pm “Joyful Noise” Practice

Sunday, December 22: Our annual Christmas Lunch and Gift Exchange at the Bull & Thistle immediately after service.

Tuesday, December 24: 4:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Pantry food item: Instant Potatoes

Last week’s plate offering: \$2,092.00

Weekly amount needed to be on budget: \$1,500.00

Attendance Last Sunday: 38

Prayers & Concerns

Steve Chapman – health concerns
David Bryant – cancer
Jaymon Loftis - Prayers
Bonnie Flatt – Prayers Stage 3 liver cancer
Maria Rakaska – Prayers for health issues
Frances Knight – Prayers for health concerns
Ann Hart – Prayers for cancer
Howard & Carla Khouri – Prayers for health concerns
Stella Cain – Prayers
Kathie Bowles – Health concerns
Harold & Betty Martin – ongoing health issues
Prayers for Jim & Karen Eberly
Prayers for hurricanes, floods & tornados victims
Mike Tippit – Prayers for upcoming open-heart surgery on
January 6
Curt Long – Prayers for health concerns
Sandy Heinrich – Prayers for brother in law, Carl Smith



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3RD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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