

Antho n United Methodist Church
3rd Sunday of Advent
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson
December 12, 2021 10:00 AM

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle of **JOY** by Klindt Family
Congregational Singing of Verse 3 of “Advent Song” TFWS #2090
Congregational Response: Let us expand our hearts as we gather. Let us receive God’s word as we proclaim. Let us transform our lives as we pray. Let us have compassion for the world as we greet each other. Amen

Opening Song “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” UMH #89

Call to Worship Liturgist: Marilyn Hladik

L: In the times of darkness and fear, God is ever near to love and guide us.

P: Come, Loving God, fill our hearts

L: In the times of joy and dancing, God is ever near in celebration.

P: Come, Loving God, fill our hearts

L: At all times and in all places, God is always with us, sustaining, healing, loving.

P: Come, Loving God, fill our hearts with Joy. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord, we have come to this place from a world of demands and schedules. We have sought hope and peace and have found them here. Now we seek the inner joy that only your presence can bring to our lives. Open our hearts and our spirits to your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading Isaiah 12: 2-6

Children’s Story Rhonda Beeson

Special Music Beau Wolfe

Gospel Reading Luke 2: 8-18

Today’s Message “I Bring You Joy ” Shirley Nelson

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)
Lord’s Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
Doxology, Prayer of Dedication UMH #95

Closing Hymn “Joy To The World” UMH #246

Sending Forth with Blessing
 Postlude//Extinguishing of candles

Ministers.....EVERYONE!
 Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson
 Liturgist.....Marilyn Hladik
 Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

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IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, Bishop Laurie Haller, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Tracy Lewis, Steve Diamond, Bobby Lewis, Kenny Anderson, Joe Harbaugh, Nina Osborne, Ernestine Steinhoff, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Eleanore Lewis, Fran & Keith Determann, Brian Ashley, Dale & Virginia Hayworth, David Beach, Ed Davis, Bettina Perkins, Jim Sheriff & Family, Susan Redenius, Bonnie Flathers, Leroy Edwards, and Diane Yockey.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dec. 19: Youth Christmas Program during worship service.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service at 6:00pm.

Poinsettias: We would like to decorate the sanctuary with Poinsettias for the holiday season. If you would like to purchase one in memory of a loved one,

please do so and let the office know who is giving it and who it is in memory. If you would like to purchase one, but cannot pick it up, please let us know.

Reminder: Sunday School has begun, starting at 9am. Please invite any youth that you know to come and learn about Jesus. Contact Andrea Mitchell 712-490-0038, if you like to be part of our team.

Missions: We are now collecting items for the Warming Shelter. Cheat sheets are on back table. If you are unable to shop, lets us do the shopping for you. Just write in memo, "Warming Shelter" and we will take care of it. As always, monetary gifts are welcome and greatly appreciated. Our church will again be supporting the Angel Tree. We will be collecting groceries for the Christmas food boxes for the needy. The grocery cart will be sitting in the foyer so please help fill it with non perishable food items. Monetary gifts are always welcome to purchase perishable items on date of delivery. More details to come.

December Readers: Dec. 19-Jerry Klindt, Dec. 26-JoLynne Reimert, Jan. 2-Eileen Klindt, Jan. 9-Andrea Mitchell.

December Children's Story: Dec. 19-JoLynne Reimert, Dec. 26-Roger Hladik, Jan. 2-Andrea Mitchell.

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Jean Petersen; Gary Beeson (18).

November & December Upper Room Devotionals: Are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Anthon Military: To our men and women in uniform.... past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You!
If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.

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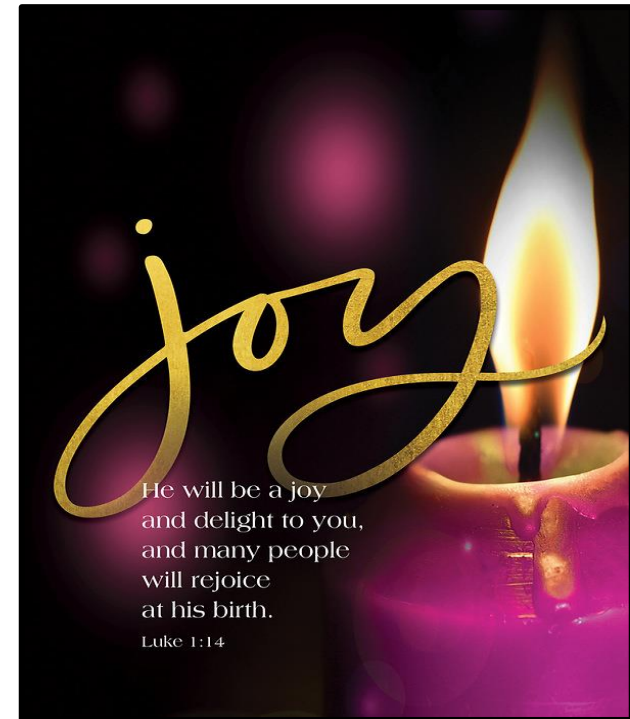
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He will be a joy
and delight to you,
and many people
will rejoice
at his birth.

Luke 1:14

Quote of the Week

"When the Christian praises and gives thanks to God, this not only pleases God, but it enriches the Christian's life with joy."