

Anthoan Community Methodist Church
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson
December 15, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday of Advent

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle of **Joy** Deanna Adler & Autum Hansen
Insert in bulletin "The Candle of Joy" 3rd Verse

Opening Song "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" **UMH #158**

Call to Worship Liturgist: Jerry Klindt

L: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

P: Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.

L: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

P: Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.

L: Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

P: Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God.

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 Romans 5: 1-5

Psalm 47 Responsively **UMH #781**

Children's Story Shirley

Special Music "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Roger Hladik

Second Reading Galatians 5: 19-24

Today's Message "Joy, Joy, Joy" Shirley

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)

The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology #95,

Prayer of Dedication

All: Lord, you have given us much joy in our lives and many blessings.

We give these gifts to proclaim our love for you and to bring hope and comfort to all those in need. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Closing Song "Joy to the World" **UMH #246**

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Jerry Klindt

Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis,

Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, Ed and Carol Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Roger Nelson, Peggy Hansen, Brittany Miller, Bettina Perkins, Barb Madsen, Elwanda Sheriff, Becky & Dan Marshall, Linda Christensen, Joyce Gothier, Kim Houlsworth McDonald, Jerry Klindt, Stephanie Johnson and sympathy to the family of Cynthia Johnson.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

December 24: Christmas Eve Services. 6:00 p.m.

December 25: Merry Christmas

Time for Poinsettias: If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or just to enhance the beauty of the church, we would appreciate your gift. You can order a poinsettia through Suzi Taylor at Main and Miller in town. Her number is 712-389-0100. Please let the office know if you have donated a flower so we can list them at Christmas.

Mission Project: There is a tote in the fellowship hall for gloves, mittens and scarves for the Warming Shelter.

REMEMBER: Please save stamps for Eleanore. There is a basket on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

December Readers: December 22-Marilyn Hladik,
December 29-JoLynne Reimert

December Children's Story: December 22-Roger Hladik,
December 29-JoLynne Reimert

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries:
Gary Beeson (18), David & Dawn Zahnley (21).

Nov./Dec. 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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