

RINGING THE BELLS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bill Wassner

OPENING MUSIC

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jersey Brown, Alyssa Futrell, Audra Johnson

One: There are some blessings that come when the day is darkest.

**Many: In Advent, we remember and await the brilliant light of hope.**

*(The Candle of Hope is relit.)*

One: In Advent, we remember the thirsty days

**Many: and await the quenching taste of peace.**

*(The Candle of Peace is relit.)*

One: Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God...who will come and save you."

**Many: Our souls magnify the Lord and we sing with joy.**

\*THE CANDLE OF JOY IS LIT

\*RESPONSE

"One Candle is Lit"<sup>(v.3)</sup>

(on screen)

**Come, festively sing while awaiting the birth,**

**Join angels in dancing from heaven to earth.**

**Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.**

**One candle is lit for the joy of these days.**

\*UNISON INVOCATION

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**Give us confidence God of hope, God of peace, God of joy—**

**as Advent moves forward fill our minds with thoughts of Christmas—**

**thoughts of the story of light coming into our darkened world—**

**thoughts of a little baby named Jesus. Amen**

\*RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

(on screen)

MORNING PRAYER

Pastor Mary Hurley

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with you also.**

Leader: Let us pray...

Concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

(on screen)

Organ Response

ANTHEM

"How Great Our Joy!" *(Courtney)*

Traditional Choir

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Pastor Bill

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY Tune "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" (on screen)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, on every hill and coast!**

**Praise God above, all angels who comprise the heavenly host!**

**Praise to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Ghost!**

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!**

**O tidings of comfort and joy!**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, in our rush to Christmas joy, we are dazzled by shiny**

**wrappings and ornaments. Holiday parties and shopping can blind**

**us to the poverty of those who will celebrate your birth with neither**

**tree nor gifts. Use these offerings to bring Christmas to them. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 52: 7-10 *(NRSV)*

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CAROL OF FOCUS

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

# 94

SERMON

**BEAUTIFUL FEET: REALLY?**

Pastor Mary

\*CLOSING CAROL

"O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful"

# 113

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"What Child Is This?"

(on screen)

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,**

**On Mary's lap is sleeping?**

**Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,**

**While shepherds watch are keeping?**

**This, this is Christ the King,**

**Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:**

**Haste, haste to bring Him laud,**

**The babe, the son of Mary.**

\*RINGING THE BELLS

\*CLOSING MUSIC

### The week ahead...

#### SUNDAY - 12/10

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:30 am Praise Singers practice
- 10:00 am Discovery Music practice
- 10:00 am Breakfast, Sunday School
- 10:00 am Hospitality Donuts
- 11:00 am Discovery Worship with Baptism
- 12:00 pm Dining Room & Kitchen Reserved



#### MONDAY - 12/11

- 8:00 am HeadStart
- 9:30 am Senior Exercise Class
- 10:00 am Kitchen Reserved
- 7:00 pm 208 Reserved

#### TUESDAY - 12/12

- 8:00 am HeadStart
- 8:00 am Weight Watchers
- 10:00 am 4C Play & Learn
- 3:00 pm Open Gym
- 5:15 pm Weight Watchers
- 5:30 pm Gym Reserved

#### WEDNESDAY - 12/13

- 8:00 am HeadStart
- 9:30 am Senior Exercise Class
- 3:00 pm Open Gym
- 5:30 pm Gym Reserved
- 6:00 pm Discovery Music
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir
- 7:00 pm Traditional Choir

#### THURSDAY - 12/14

- 8:00 am HeadStart
- 10:00 am Discovery Bible Study
- 3:00 pm Open Gym
- 5:30 pm Women at the Well Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Gym Reserved

#### FRIDAY - 12/15

- 8:00 am HeadStart
- 9:30 am Senior Exercise Class

#### SATURDAY - 12/16

- 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Kitchen Reserved
- 9:30 am Breakfast with Santa (Dining Room)
- 11:00 am Children's Christmas Program practice (Sanctuary)

#### SUNDAY - 12/17

##### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

- 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am - 12 Noon Banana Bread Distribution**
- 9:30 am Praise Singers practice
- 10:00 am Combined Worship**
- 20 minutes following conclusion of Worship COUNCIL Meeting**
- 11:00 am Sunday School
- 12:00 pm Youth Group Movie Party

### Those who serve...

#### Nursery Attendants

##### December 10

- 9:00 am & S.S. Hour Stacey Henderson
- 11:00 am Stacey Henderson & Janine Koehler

##### December 17

- 10:00 am & S.S. Hour Stacey Henderson & Theresa Herrenbruck

#### Greeters

##### December 10

- 9:00 am Larry & Kathy Vonderahe
- 11:00 am Shannon Jackson, Karla Smith

##### December 17

- 9:00 am OR **South Entrance**  
Kookie & Gary Ruminer
- 11:00 am OR **North Entrance**  
Judy Batteiger, Judy Lockhart

#### Ushers

##### December

- 9:00 am OR **South Entrance**  
Louis Buschkill, Captain; Bob Dreier, Darlene Dycus, Jim Geiser
- 11:00 am OR **North Entrance**  
Earl Smith, Captain; Mike O'Nan, Jacob Jackson, Keith Krientein

#### Deacon (offering)

##### December

- 9:00 am Louie Buschkill
- 11:00 am Keith Kolb

Won't you join us next Sunday, December 17th, for our combined Worship service at 10 a.m. and enjoy our Children's Christmas Program.

Rev. Dr. William J. Wassner, Senior Pastor † Rev. Mary Hurley, Associate Pastor  
Andrea Williams, Director of Traditional Music  
Kasey Gathercole & Katie Maurer, Co-Directors of Discovery Music  
Lisa Wassner, guest organist † Katie Maurer, pianist

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## Third Sunday of Advent

Traditional Worship  
December 10, 2017

9:00 AM

All hearts  
come home  
for Christmas

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UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

JOY