

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pam Barrett	Ellen Graham	Annette McGary	Kathi Parker
Randy Boyer	Tammye Green	Mary Meilcarek-Clark	Keith Reynolds
Paula Davis	Ann Irwin	Mary Neitzke	Harriett Silvey
Henry Durbin	Nell Kirkpatrick	Robert Neitzke	Lucille Thompson

ROUTINE FACILITY USAGE:

<u>Sundays:</u> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<u>Tuesdays</u> 5:30 pm Soccer Practice HIATUS 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<u>Thursdays</u> 5:30 pm Soccer Practice HIATUS 7:30 pm N A
<u>Mondays</u> 5:30 pm Soccer Practice HIATUS 6:00 pm Choir Practice	<u>Wednesdays</u> 10:00 am FUEL 11:00 am Ann's Closet (1st & 3rd) 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm N A	<u>Fridays</u> 6:30 pm Sea Scouts <u>Saturdays</u> 4:00 pm N A

THIS WEEK at ST. B:

December 17: FUEL at 10:00 am AND Ann's Closet from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
December 18: BINGO at 10:30 am
December 19: Family Game Night at 6:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 24 at 6:00 pm: Please join us as we anticipate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at our annual candlelight service.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Christmas Card mailbox is on the table outside of the Sanctuary and ready for your Christmas cards.

The Church Office will be closed December 24 through January 1, 2026 in observance of the Christmas and New Years holidays.

Upper Room: Pickup a copy, at either Sanctuary entrance, to guide your daily devotional.
Attendance: Please fill out the attendance pad at the end of your pew.



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All Are Welcome As We Gather To Worship
Third Sunday of Advent / Signs & Truths
December 14, 2025

PRELUDE *Star of the East* Randy Boyer

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE IN OUR FAITH Liturgist, Doyle Clark

GREETING:
L: Beloved, we gather to rejoice in God who does wondrous things, who promises that someday all manner of things shall be well.

P: We rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.

L: We worship with joy now, confident that God will not stop until all creation is at peace.

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L: We lift up our voices in song and story, in prayer and praise, as we remember and rejoice in all that God has done and will do among us.

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L: Come! Let us worship God with joy as we work with God toward the day when all of creation lives in everlasting joy.

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Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2025

*HYMN *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* UMH 196

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Please see insert

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY Please see insert

*HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211, Verse 3

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Holy God of Joy, we rejoice in the reality of who you are. We live within the joy of your love for us. Our contentment comes and goes. Our happiness ebbs and flows. Our feelings

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (con't)
depend upon our circumstances, our physical health, our brain chemistry. But our joy is deeply rooted in our identity as your beloved children. And we give you thanks. Amen.
Written by Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith, <http://spaciousfaith.com/>

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 11:2-11
Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

HYMN *I Come with Joy* UMH 617

*SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:46b-55
Word of God for the People of God
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SERMON ev. Corrie Alexander-Willette

OFFERTORY *We Three Kings* Randy Boyer

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

*HYMN *My Soul Proclaims That God Is Good* Please see insert

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE *Good Christian Friends Rejoice* UMH 224

Arrangements: Prelude by Kennedy G. Hooper; Offertory by J H Hawkins
****Please stand as you're able in body or spirit***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all.

We believe in Jesus the Christ—God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn—who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.

We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and will be consummated in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven, when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness, and gathered into the joyous fulfilment of God's desire.

For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

— written by Nathan Nettleton, and posted on his Laughingbird website.

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

First Reader: In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God's salvation.

All: We choose to believe that the day is coming when "the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 35:10).

Second Reader: We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.

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MY SOUL PROCLAIMS THAT GOD IS GOOD

Sung to "What Child Is This"

My soul proclaims that God is good
I sing to God my Savior.
For God has blessed me! I am loved!
God looks on me with favor.
God is not far away;
God cares for people every day.
God sees and loves the poor
And gives to them a blessing.

The Mighty One has done great things;
I see God's hand of mercy.
God's people know the love God brings;
They know that God is holy.
God is not far away;
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God casts the mighty from their thrones;
The proud will surely scatter.
God lifts the lowly, hurting ones,
And shows them their lives matter.
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God fills the hungry with good things;
And sends the rich ones hungering.
God's promise was to immigrants
And also to their children.
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