

**REACH OUT IN CHRIST**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 15, 2019

10:00 AM

Prelude “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” (J. Bach)

Welcome and Announcements

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Introit

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord executes justice for the oppressed; Our God gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

**People: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**People: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn “Lift Up Your Heads” (vss. 1-3) 213

Opening Prayer

**Lord, we wait your coming. We live between the times--the time of vengeance and the time of peace, the time of anxiety and the time of joy. We long for Your fulfillment. May Your Spirit go forth and create the world in your image. May we be a witness to the joy that you bring. In Christ’s name. Amen.**

Advent Candle Ceremony

Marv & Pat Hiuser

The Children’s Moment

Julie Calafiura

Offertory “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” (J. Kimball)

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” (J. Kimball)

The FUMC Ringers

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology 95

Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vss. 1,3) 230

Prayers of God’s People

Choir Anthem “As Mary Sleeps” (J. Gallina)

Scripture Isaiah 35:5-10 874

Sermon “The Holy Way” Pastor David

\*Hymn “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (vss. 1,2) 240

\*Benediction

Postlude “Christians, Be Joyful” (J. Bach)

*\*Please stand as you are able*

\***Altar Flowers** – The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

\***Welcome** – We welcome all who have come to worship today. We would love to support your spiritual journey. We also need your help in ministry! Consider making this place your spiritual home.

\***Hearing Assistance Devices** are available. Please ask an usher for help.

\***Circle of Prayer** – Sue Davis, Ray & Kitty Brown, Shirley Pike, Charlie Grimes, Cindy Maytum, Evelyn Sheppard, Selma Marlowe, Jack Eckardt, Aida Weldon and Marianne Myatt.

*The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.*  
Isaiah 35:1-2

## THIS WEEK

**SUN. (12/15)**            **Deadline to Order Poinsettias**  
**MON. (12/16) 9:30am** Food and Clothes Distribution  
**TUE. (12/17) 1:00Pm** Lydia Circle Meeting in the  
Conference Room  
No Trustee or Admin Council  
**WED. (12/18)10:30am** Bible Study in Conf. Room  
**5:00pm** Love Feast  
**5:45pm** Ministry Planning Meeting  
**6:30pm** Choir Practice  
**FRI. (12/20)**            **OFFICE CLOSED**  
**SAT. (12/21) 10:00am** Poinsettias Delivered  
**SUN. (12/22) 8:45am** Sunday School in Conf. Room  
**9:00am** Soul Cafe  
**10:00am** Worship Service in the  
Sanctuary (kids' church &  
nursery)

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**\*BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**—Thanks to all who helped with the Breakfast with Santa! A special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Claus, who flew in to bless the children.

**\*CHOIR CANTATA**—Sunday, Dec. 22, during worship the choir will perform this year's Cantata. Invite your friends!

**\*CHRISTMAS EVE**—Our Christmas Eve service of candle-lighting will be on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 7:00 pm. Save the date!

**WELCOME TO FAYE MONROE**—She's our guest organist today.

**TREASURER NEEDED**—We're looking for a volunteer treasurer to train under Jo Babcock this year. Contact the pastor or Jo if you feel God nudging you.

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