

Sunday
December 17, 2017
10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

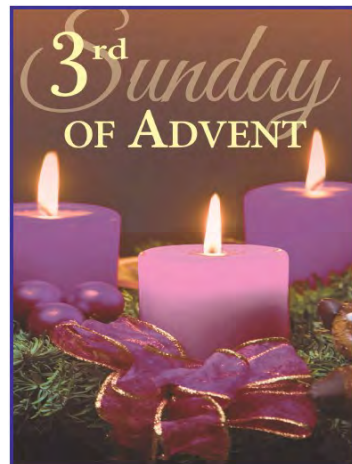
Pastor Greg

We are alive in Christ.
We love God,
we care for one another,
and we help people here
and around the world.



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Bold print indicates congregation.
**Indicates please stand as able.*

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

*Call to Worship

Come and see!

We hear the call of Love, ringing in our ears.

Come and see!

We see the light of stars and candles, leading the way.

Come and see!

We long for a sign, an experience, to know God face to face.

Come and see!

We come, to be part of God's story of love.

*Opening Prayer

Here we are Lord!

Glory to You!

We come from the busy-ness of our daily lives, from the hubbub of our work and play, from the hue and cry of the world around us, we come to worship You.

In this hour, we long to meet You, to feel Your presence surrounding us, enveloping us, loving us.

We long to glorify You, laying aside our worries and our cares, aware of Your presence around us, before us, behind us, within us.

Come, Lord Jesus!

*Hymn: #211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 1)

Lighting the Third Advent Candle ~ Moberley Family

(Light the pink candle.)

Because Christmas is almost here...

Because dancing fits so well with music...

Because inside baby clothes are miracles...

We rejoice!

Because people love You...

Because of family and friends...

Because pain does not last forever...

Because Christ is coming...

We rejoice!

Because of laughter...

Because there really are angels...

Because our hands can bless...

Because forgiveness is ours for the asking...

Because of children...

Because of parents...

We rejoice!

Because the blind see...

And the lame walk...

We rejoice!

Because lepers are clean...

And the deaf hear...

We rejoice!

Because the dead will live again...

And there is good news for the poor...

We rejoice!

Because of Christmas...

Because of Jesus...

We rejoice!

Children's Time: *Hank Stamm*

Cantata: 2,000 Decembers Ago ~ *Chancel Choir*

1. Rejoice!
2. Two Thousand Decembers Ago
3. There's Something Going on in Bethlehem
4. See How Bright He Shines
5. Give Me This Night (*soloists: Beth Griner, Lynn Griner & Lynne Melvin*)
6. His Kingdom Will Not End (*soloist: Ken Franklin*)
7. Adore Him (with O Come Let Us Adore Him)
8. Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
9. Two Thousand Decembers Ago (finale)

***Hymn:** #216 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (verse 1)

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

***Doxology:** #94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part. Yet what I can, I give Him, give Him my heart. Amen.

***Hallelujah Chorus**

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

*Coming up next Sunday, December 24: Sermon Series: Unbroken Words — "Word of Flesh"
John 1:1-18.*



Prayer for Family and Friends

Paul Evans (brother of Diana Pomeroy's good friend) is recovering from the infection and is home from the hospital. Thanks for all the prayers.

Tom Aitken will have surgery January 4 at U of M in Ann Arbor.

Sue and Joe Hayes' niece has an infection in her face and neck from wisdom teeth extraction.

Denny Osterhouse (Jody Tuinier's step-dad) fell at the nursing home and broke his hip. He may need surgery.

Char Taylor and family (friends of Bob and Nancy Harper and Gordon and Bonnie Oswalt) as her husband, Dave, passed away

Bless Kalamazoo's homeless and the disciples who care for them.

Phillip Arnold (Linda Cleveland's brother) is recovering from back surgery.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Eloise Emmert is recovering from bilateral sacrum fractures.

Christy Hanes (Michael and Lori Tichvon's daughter) needs guidance, support, and care with current and future living arrangements and life decisions.

Delber Jackson (Andrea Read's friend) is battling cancer.

Nate and Sara Pfeil are praying for a safe and healthy delivery of their baby girl.

Larry and LaVon Rolfe

Beth Smith is recovering from surgery.

Arden and Penny Sult and family at the passing of Arden's mom, Bethel Sult

Sarah's (Vera Walker's niece) daughter lost her husband at age 38, and her other daughter lost a baby.

Sandy Whiteman (Mark and Michelle Harrison's friend) is struggling with stage 3 lung cancer.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! Psalm 122:6

Prayers for safe travels for all snowbirds

Today's altar flowers are provided by Brad and Barb Addis in honor of their anniversary.

Today's acolytes are
Gabriel Cleveland and Xavier Cleveland

Dec. 10 attendance:
Worship 125, Sunday School 43



The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson	Beverly Nimmo
Mary Evelyn Bell	Robert & Carmen Parsons
David Bretz	Char Rice
Alice Dibble	Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Barb Griner	Al Thomas
Pat McClelland	Mina Willett
Iris McGahan	

This Week's Celebrations

<u>Birthdays</u>	12/20 Tamra Stafford
12/18 Benjamin Culver	12/22 Caleb Asher
Logan Workman	<u>Anniversaries</u>
12/19 Vern Reed	12/17 Brad & Barb Addis
Matthew Sponseller	12/22 Larry & LaVon Rolfe
Sharon Steinacker	Arden & Penny Sult

In Service to Our Country

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Help is needed at the Welcome Center

We need your help to serve at our Welcome Center. This is only a monthly commitment. You will arrive a half hour before the service to welcome people as they arrive for worship and answer any questions.

Karen will be calling to recruit volunteers in early December. There is also a clipboard at the Welcome Center to sign up. If you have any questions, please call Karen Simpson (269-870-0113).

Flowers for the church altar

We need flowers for Sundays. There is a sign up sheet for this. If you need help, contact Dee Morton about ordering flowers from Heirloom Rose in Schoolcraft for \$25.

Coffee hour

If you would like to help out with coffee hour goodies, it's simple. Drop off 4 to 6 dozen cookies or combination of crackers/cheese, grapes, pretzels, etc., by 9:00 on Sunday. Or prior to Sunday, leave in the old kitchen marked coffee hour (there is a refrigerator and freezer for this purpose).

The coffee and juices are provided and set up by Member Care. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center.

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due by 2:00 on Tuesday, January 2

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Dec. 17:

Dec. 24: Marshall Linebaugh

Calendar

Today

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. PIT Crew in the Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship/Choir Cantata in the Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Tuinier family in the FLC
- 2:00 p.m. Stamm students piano recital, Sanctuary

Monday, December 18

- 6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Scout Troop meeting, Taylor Room
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting, Library

Tuesday, December 19

- 6:30 p.m. Personnel Committee meeting, Library
- 6:30 p.m. Scout Den meeting, FLC

Wednesday, December 20

- 10:30 a.m. SCCS Wednesday Winners, Taylor Rm
- 2:30 p.m. SHED (7th-9th grade outreach), Rm 107
- 5:00 p.m. HELIX (7th-9th grade) in Room 107
- 6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, December 21

- 5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56 (5th-6th grade)
- 6:30 p.m. RAW (HS Youth) in the FLC

Friday, December 22 - Pastor's Day Off

- 10:00 a.m. Knit & Stitch 2gether in Room 219
- 12:00 p.m. SCCS Senior Christmas Party, Taylor Rm

Saturday, December 23

no activities are scheduled

Monday through Friday

- 9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

Coming Events

Sunday, December 24

- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, December 25 - Merry Christmas

Preschool and offices closed

Tuesday, December 26

- 6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC

Join the Christmas Band

The Christmas Band will play for Prelude and Postlude on Sunday, December 24, at the 10:30 service. We need instrumentalists of high school age through adult. We only have one rehearsal, and it is the hour before the service. Please contact Jolene or Ken Cron at vixcrons@cs.com or talk to Ken at the sound booth if you are interested in joining us. We will have music for you in advance so you can start warming up those fingers and embrochures!

