



After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.”

Matthew 2:9-10



We thank God you are here and hope you get to know Jesus by receiving His love and His church's ministries. Please fill out a "Welcome or C.A.R.E. Card" & place it in the offering plate.

11:00 am **3rd Sunday of Advent** December 14, 2025

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP * 96 vs. 1 & 2 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

HYMN OF PRAISE * 107 vs. 1 & 2 "Oh, Come, Little Children"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Kent Smith, Deacon
LOTTIE MOON VIDEO

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH & PRAYER Keith Belvin, Deacon

CHILDREN'S SERMON Sonya Anthony

HYMN OF OFFERING * 98 vs. 1 & 4 "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

OFFERTORY PRAYER Kent Smith, Deacon

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY * Hymn 253

CANTATA "Beautiful Star" *see insert*

MESSAGE: "The Joyful Announcement" Rev. Brian Williams
TEXT: Luke 2:8—12

HYMN OF INVITATION * 80 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
(please use your hymnals)

BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS DINNER Rev. Brian Williams
CLOSING CHORUS "Beautiful Star" (*reprise*) Chancel Choir

"As you go, make disciples..." Matthew 28:19
Pray, call, visit, minister, witness with members and others.

POSTLUDE Please take this time to greet one another

*Congregation Stands

Advent Wreath Lighting Deacon Keith Belvin - December 14, 2025 3rd Sunday in Advent

Deacon: Today is the third Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world.

Deacon: (*Unison*): How does this happen?

Deacon: God's light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God's divine love and light.

ALL: "Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us. Let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Deacon: A reading from the prophet Zephaniah: "In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing," (**Zephaniah 3:16-17**).

ALL: We continue to wait for the coming of Jesus. Last Sunday, we began in the dark, and then we lit two candles. Today, on the third Sunday of Advent, we light three candles of **HOPE, PEACE** and **JOY**.

Deacon Family Member (Lighting of the Candles)
(Lighting 2 PURPLE Candles AND 1 PINK Candle) ...

Deacon: Every week in Advent, we light another candle. Each candle that we light reminds us that the Light of the World will soon come to us in the human form of the baby Jesus, the Messiah who will show us the way back to God.

ALL: The Messiah is on the way to us. As we prepare for his coming, may we repent of our sins. May we remember our baptisms with water. May we be ready to be baptized with God's Holy Spirit and fire. May we be ready to help our Lord proclaim the good news of God's love to all people, so that the world will be filled with joy.

Deacon: Closing Prayer