

## First United Methodist Church

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### December 15, 2024 — December 21, 2024

*"3rd Sunday of Advent"*

Usher/Greeter: Sharon Feichetenbiner Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin  
Liturgist: James Gaffney Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed  
Altar Flowers: Poinsettias Fellowship: Vic & Sharon Vanderville  
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: God's Country Community Ministry

Monday (12/16) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (12/17)

Wednesday (12/18)

Thursday (12/19)

Friday (12/20)

Saturday (12/21) Ecumenical Longest Night Service 7 PM at the Episcopal Church

### December 22, 2024 — December 28, 2024

*"4th Sunday of Advent"*

Usher/Greeter: Needed Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin  
Liturgist: Louise Burson Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed  
Altar Flowers: Poinsettias Fellowship: Needed  
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: God's Country Community Ministry

Monday (12/23) No Bible Study or Prayer Group

Tuesday (12/24) Office Closed / Christmas Eve Service 7 PM

Wednesday (12/25) Office Closed—Christmas Day

Thursday (12/26)

Friday (12/27)

#### Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

12/15/24 Zeph 3:14-20; Isa 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

12/22/24 Mic 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55 (UMH 199); Heb 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

12/24/24 Christmas Eve-Isa 9:2-7; Ps 96 (UMH 815); Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

12/25/24 Christmas Day-Isa 52:7-10; Ps 98 (UMH 818); Heb 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Penny Tracy & family concerns, Bill Tracy & family, Jesse Baker, Carol Weinert, Sandi Kolder, Martha Weeks, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Curt & Celie Norton, Ted Burson, Mary Prater, Joel Prater, Lynn LaRose, Katie Putnam, Sharon V. & Celie N.'s brother, Kerry Billings family concerns, Michael Haynes, Connie Meade, Jo Nell Rubick, Connie Whitsitt, and unspoken requests.



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**December 15, 2024**  
**“3rd Sunday of Advent”**



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Sleep, O Lovely Child Traditional Italian Carol -arr. C. Simone

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Mary & Bob Whinnen

\*PRAISE CHORUS: FWS 2090 (v. 3) Light the Advent Candle

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 12:2-6

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Rejoice, for God is with us!

**P: Yes! God is always with us! Rejoice!**

L: It is true! God is always with us. However, a unique time is coming, and is almost upon us. God will be with us in the flesh! Rejoice!

**P: How can this be? The Bible says that God is spirit, not flesh and blood.**

L: God is spirit, yet He also comes in the flesh to redeem us from our sins and draw us to Him. Rejoice!

**P: Why would God become flesh for us? Who are we to deserve this?**

L: We do not deserve this. We cannot earn this, nor can we do this by ourselves. God comes in the flesh to redeem us because God loves us so much that He is giving us Himself in the flesh, as Jesus, to enable us to come into His Holy presence as His beloved children.

**P: Rejoice!**

\*OPENING HYMN: UMH 715 Rejoice the Lord is King

\*APOSTLES’ CREED: UMH 881

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S TIME

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 98 To God Be the Glory

**\*GOSPEL READING**

Luke 3:7-18

SERMON: Presence

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,  
 Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,  
 Incline Thine ear to us,  
 And grant us Thy peace. (2x)  
 Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: The Snow Lay On the Ground Traditional Christmas Carol-arr. Robt. Hughes

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

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SPECIAL MUSIC: O Come, O Come Emmanuel arr. By The Piano Guys  
 Pastor B.J.-Tuba; Cyndi-Clavinova

\*CLOSING HYMN: UMH 224 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

**\*BENEDICTION**

\*PARTING HYMN: FWS 2186 Song of Hope

POSTLUDE: Christmas Trilogy by J. Maxfield

**December Mission Noisy Offering—God’s Country Community Ministry**

GCCM is in the eastern part of the U.P.; it covers a 2500 square mile area. Communities of faith combine their resources, share their faith and, through their active presence, work to bring self-esteem, hope and faith to all God’s children throughout their vast parish. These goals are accomplished by mission trips, *Bible* studies, youth activities, leadership and training events, mission projects and missionaries.

God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

\* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

\* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE