



GATHERING

Greet others and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

JOYS, CELEBRATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Please be seated and prepare for worship with quiet meditation and prayer.

INTROIT

Bring a Gift of Love

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are ready, O Lord, to behold the presence of your spirit among us.

Bless our spirits with openness and joy!

We have come on this journey seeking hope and peace.

You, O Lord, have poured your spirit on us!

Justice and peace shall be brought to all God's people.

No more shall fear and doubt claim us.

God is fulfilling the ancient promise of a Savior.

Our hearts rejoice at this good news of God's love. AMEN.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Jeff and Lisa Freiss

First Reader

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.

Second Reader

Light the third candle, which is pink, of the Advent wreath.

*HYMN 211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*OPENING PRAYER

*A MODERN AFFIRMATION 885

*GLORIA PATRI 70

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

ANTHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter

CHILDREN'S SERMON
PRAYERS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER

Roger Kruger

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

CHORAL RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:46-55

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Advent 3 - Joy

*HYMN 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

*POSTLUDE

*Items in **Bold** are unison. Items with an asterisk (*) denote standing as you are able.*



IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT (BOB) LOWE
AUGUST 5, 1047-DECEMBER 10, 2025

The First United Methodist Church congregation extends Christian love and sympathy to his family and friends. We pray that they may know the comfort and peace of God, which passes all understanding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING BOX: Third Sunday of the month. Donations accepted anytime.

CHRISTMAS EVE: The Christmas Eve service begins at 5:00 PM on December 24.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Children's Sermon	Children's Church
07-Dec	Wright	Hadleys	Communion	Antczak
14-Dec	Littlejohn	Bartholomews	Kruger	Payne
21-Dec	Payne	Winninghams	Wright	Pennington
28-Dec	Holder	Walkers	Crabtree	Bontrager

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