

Third Sunday in Advent December 15, 2024

Please fill out the Pew Attendance Pad and drop in the collection plate during the offering. Prayer Request Cards will be collected during the opening hymn. **Bold** print is to be read by the congregation. The * indicates when worshippers are invited to stand if comfortable or find a posture that supports your singing/praying aloud.

Gathering Music

Good King Wenceslas (Arr. K Roth) The Presby Ringers

Ding Dong Merrily on High (Arr. K Roth) The Presby Ringers

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Jennifer & Scott Hicks and family

† O Antiphons:

Hymn #88 O Come, O Come Emmanuel, vs 1 & 6

Welcome

All: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in our church. We will strive to love you, as God does, just the way you are.

Caring for One-Another

Prelude

Sing We Now of Christmas (French Carol, Arr. Phillips) **Presby Ringers**

from Zephaniah 3:14-20 Call To Worship

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O

daughter Jerusalem!

One: The Holy One your God is in your midst... God will rejoice over you with gladness.

God will renew you in God's love. One:

God will exult over you with loud singing...

† Hymn #82 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Call To Confession

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession Holy God, Three in One, Loving Community Before Time, You have made us all into one human family. But we have divided ourselves In every way we could think to, Seeking independence and individualism, When you created us in community. To be in community. Forgive us our fracturing and our fear, And help us to trust more in you And in one another, In Christ's name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 12:2 Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the MOST HIGH is my strength and my might;

God has become my salvation." In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. We are reconciled to God, and we are reconciled to one another. Alleluia! Amen.

† Congregation Response #134 Joy to the World, v. 3

† Exchange of Peace

Children's Message

Jen Blackwell

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Sung Prayer of Illumination

#93 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, v. 2

Scripture Readings Luke 2:1-7 Luke 22:7-11

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Rev. David Schell The Guest Room Sermon

* Hymn

#93 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, vs 1 & 3

Offering

Offertory O Come, All Ye Faithful

(Arr. McChesney) The Presby Ringers

* Sung Prayer of Dedication

#606 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayers of the People

Lord, please listen to the prayers of your people.

Let us pray to the Lord...

Lord hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

†Hymn #3 Joy to the World, verses 1, 2 and 4

† Charge & Benediction

Carol of the Bells **Postlude**

> (Leontovich, Arr. Wagner) The Presby Ringers

Today's Worship Leadership

Worship Leader: Rev. David Schell

Lector: Doug Mevers

Children's Message: Jen Blackwell Music Director: Wendy Treacher **Musicians:** The Presby Ringers

Sound Tech: Chad Melton Media Shout: Jay Ford

Stream Tech: Randy Herrick
Prayer Recorder: Mary Swan

Teller Team #4: Sharon Vanderpool, Dorothy Graham,

Sue Leonard

Fellowship Host: TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- THREE SERVICES DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK Sunday, December 22 we will have our 10am service and a 7pm Blue Christmas service. Then join us on Christmas Eve!
- **CHILDREN'S MESSAGES** are open for 2025! If you are interested in giving a children's message in 2025, please contact Doug Meyers.
- FELLOWSHIP HOSTS are needed for December Sundays: 22nd & 29th. Please call the Office: 784-9175 or sign up on the Orange sheet in the Westminster (coffee hour) room.
- COOKIES Today, during and after church, the children and youth will be making sugar cookies through and beyond worship, and a few extra hands will be needed. Find us in the kitchen!

 These cookies are gifts for our member shut-ins, for whom we are caroling on Monday, December 16th. Please join us at Vista Grande Villa at 5:00pm!

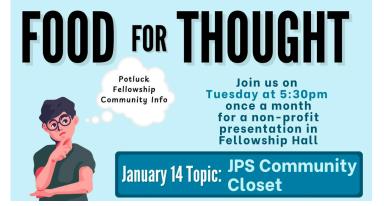
 Ask Karen Meyers or Natalie Schroeder if you have questions.



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Church Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 15

10am - Worship Service: Sanctuary 10:30am - 1pm Christmas Cookies: Kitchen 11am - Fellowship Time: Fellowship Hall 12 - 6pm Pride Friendsgiving: Activity Room 7:30pm - N.A. Meeting: Small Dining Room 7:30pm - A.A. Meeting: Westminster Room

Monday, December 16

10am - 12pm CAA Playgroup: Preschool Room 10:30am - 12:00pm Al-Anon Meeting: Library 7pm - Scout Troop 312 Meeting: Activity Room 7:30pm - N.A. Meeting: Small Dining Room 7:30pm - A.A. Meeting: Westminster Room

Tuesday, December 17

7:30pm - A.A. Meeting: Westminster Room

Wednesday, December 18

10 - 6:15pm Blood Drive: Fellowship Hall 10am - 12pm CAA Playgroup: Preschool Room 1 - 3pm Deacon Meeting: Westminster Room 5 - 8pm CSJ Mainstage: Activity Room 6:30 - 8pm Session Meeting: Chapel 7:30pm - A.A. Meeting: Westminster Room

Thursday, December 19

4pm Love, INC: Library 6:15pm - 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room 7:30pm - A.A. Meeting: Westminster Room

Friday, December 20

10:30am - 12pm Al-Anon Meeting: Library 7:30pm - N.A. Meeting: Small Dining Room 7:30pm - A.A. Meeting: Westminster Room

Saturday, December 21

8:30am Men's Breakfast: Small Dining Room 10am - 2pm Trans Clothing Exchange: Activity Rm 5 - 8pm CSJ Mainstage: Activity Room 7:30pm - A.A. Meeting: Westminster Room