

ORDER OF WORSHIP **3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** **DECEMBER 14, 2025**

Prelude “While We Are Waiting, Come” *Emily Mathys, Instrumentalist*

Welcome *Rev. Diane Flynn*

Please sign and pass the black pew pad.

Gathering “Away in a Manger” *Junior Choir*

*Call to Worship:

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord;
People: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Leader: The Mighty One has done great things.
People: Holy is God's name!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *Donna Maley & Mary Bishop*

Leader: And all God's people said.
People: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

*Hymn of Praise “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”
Hymn #104

Call to Confession *Amanda Conti*

Prayer of Confession

God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Joyful Response “He Came Down” (vs. 1)
Hymn #137

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also, with you.

Leader: Let us pass the of Christ one to another.

Anthem “Manger Songs” *Junior Choir*

Scripture Reading *Matthew 11:2-11*

Sermon Sermons Series: Waiting Well. *Rev. Diane Flynn*
“That's OK, I'll Wait”

*Affirmation of Faith *On Screen*

Service Prayer Silas Carbonara

Pastoral Prayer (with the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Announcements

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Offertory Prayer Hymn #608

Gracious and loving God, bless all we offer you—ourselves, our time, and our possessions— that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"
Hymn #97

*Benediction "Away in a Manger" Junior Choir

Postlude "Prepare the Way, O Zion" Emily Mathys, Instrumentalist



IN OUR PRAYERS: Pam Archer, Sarah Bolden, Noah Cassion, Lori Disbennett,
Rev. Donald Leckrone, Karl Leckrone, Gary and Elesa Thompson.

HOME BOUND: Larry & Helen Fox, Wilma Miller, and Beverly Shearer, Paul & Carolyn Wiehe.

IN A CARE FACILITY: Jean Bell and Evelyn Rutherford at Heritage; Vivian Lowe at Bluebird;
Greg Clark and Bob Huffman at Prestige Gardens.