

Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3:17
Ray Spiller

Leader

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves.

All

**He will give his people honor and praise
He will restore his people before their very eyes**

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Voorheis Family

All (sung)

**“O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home.
The captives from their prison free, and conquer death’s deep misery.”**

God promises a Savior to redeem all of Creation,
and calls his people forth to participate in his work.
We light this candle in anticipation of His promise fulfilled
and we joyfully prepare the way in prayer and repentance

All (sung)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*“What Child Is This”

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Verse 1

What child is this who laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Verse 2

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

Refrain

“Angels, We Have Heard on High”

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Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing the joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Verse 2

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

Refrain

Congregational Prayer

Anthem / Offertory: “Canticle of the Turning”

Gabby Rainey and Choir

Old Testament Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (NIV)
Kenneth Ammons

Leader

The Word of God: our light in the darkness.

All

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:7-18 (NIV)
Diann Miglore

All (sung)

Doxology

Sermon

“The Black Sheep Part 2” Rev. Brian Coplin

Hymn of Response “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Verse 1

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near! Let every hill and valley a level way appear. Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

Refrain:

Oh, blest is Christ that came in God’s most holy name.

Verse 2

He brings God’s rule, O Zion, He comes from heaven above. His rule is peace and freedom and justice truth, and love. Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.

Refrain

Verse 3

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior’s rule embrace. His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place. All lands will bow before Him, their voices will adore Him.

Refrain

Benediction

Leader

As you go forth to wait well for the coming of Jesus,
The Lord bless you and keep you rooted in the hope of salvation
So that you bear the fruit worthy of his name

All (sung)

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PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a prayer request, please share it during our Joys & Concerns or fill out a prayer request card and place it in the Offering plate. If you have a request during the week: please contact the church office 256-3632. In the evenings or on weekends call our Pastor, Rev. Brian Coplin He may be reached on his cell phone:318-614-5050 or send an e-mail: rev.coplin@gmail.com Please note we will remove names at the end of the month, you will need to call the office to put a name back on the list.

Sandra Bishop (Diann Migliore's mom)
Carrie Broussard
Our pastor and family
Brian, Monica, Jack & Anna Claire Coplin
Charles Enterkin
Jason Fluitt (Vicki Simpson's son-in-law)
Ken & Mary Ellen Freeman
Seth Freeman
Susan Giblin
John & Betsy Godfrey
Grace Kelsey
Becky Lafitte
Shirley Lee
Mike Luster
Family of Elizabeth Mitchell
Dena Sue Moore
Louise Moore
Garland Peterson
Cheryl & Daniel Procell
Janice Rike
Rodney Roach
(Vicki Weaver's nephew)
Brian Tannehill
Cindy Troha (Joe's sister-in-law)
Kevin Troquille

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 12
8:30 a.m. - Coffee Time - FLC
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary

ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE IN TODAY

Toys for Joy Gifts Due in Today

Monday, December 13
5:30 p.m. - Trustees Meeting
6:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - FLC
Tuesday, December 14
5:30 p.m. - CTP Zoom Meeting
12:00 p.m. - Lion's Club
Wednesday, December 15
5:30 p.m. - Birthday Party for Jesus & Special Visitor - FLC
Thursday, December 16
Toys for Joy Set-Up after Lunch
Friday, December 17
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Toys for Joy Pick-Up - FLC
Saturday, December 18
2:00 p.m. - Many Christmas Parade - Youth Live Nativity



Nursery care is provided for children 5 years and younger at the bottom of the front stairway. There is also a "cry room" at the back of the sanctuary. Please be aware that, for safety's sake, all external doors are locked after the worship service has begun. So, if you need to leave and re-enter the building please do so through the double glass doors in the Narthex where the ushers can assist you.

December Nursery Workers

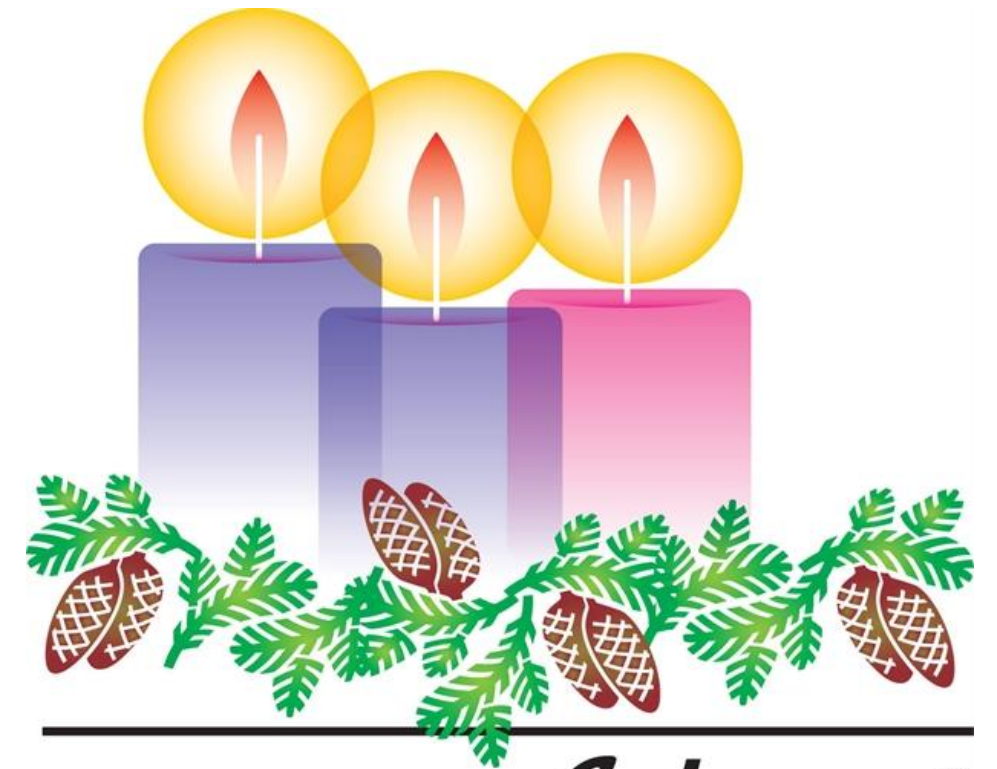
December 5 - Elizabeth Pickett
December 12 - Mary Ellen Freeman
December 19 - Carolyn Dove
December 26 - Vicki Isgitt



THE BEAUTIFUL POINSETTIAS IN OUR SANCTUARY ARE GIVEN IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND

In memory of Pearletta Enterkin given by Charles Enterkin, Allen & Vicki Isgitt
In memory of Cindy Enterkin Heard given by Charles Enterkin, Allen & Vicki Isgitt
In memory of Jo Ellen Cotton given by Mike & Vicki Simpson
In memory of our Parents: Cliff & Ethel Ammons, Raymond & Lois Barnhill, Donald W. Smith given by Kenneth & Donna Ammons

In honor of Carrie Broussard's 100th Birthday given by Mike & Zel



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

First United Methodist Church
Many, Louisiana

December 12, 2021

Pastor: Rev. Brian Coplin
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Ray Spiller
Choir Director: Carole Troha
Accompanist: Patsy McCormick
Organist: Gail Thomas

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Our Mission
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

CHRISTMAS GOODY BAGS

The Missions committee is inviting the congregation to help fill 11 bags for our beloved members we don't see as often as we once did (5 men, 6 women).

The bags will be available in the Conference room just bring your items like chapstick, gum, candy, puzzle books etc, to place in bags by Sunday, December 19th. The bags will be delivered before Christmas. For more information please contact Vicki Isgitt 318-471-7596



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Friday, December 24th at 5:30 p.m.



Have You Met Our Amazing Youth Group?

Every Wednesday evening 30-40 Teens and Tweens crowd into our Family Life Center to share a meal, a devotional, and recreation.

Seeing how these young people are growing in faith and service is truly a blessing! We need your help now to expand and deepen the Wednesday night program in 2 ways:

Children in K-4th grades – Many of the youth have younger siblings who want to come to our church, too. These children are invited to the Birthday Party for Jesus on Wednesday, December 15th. Then in January, we plan to launch a regular children's activity on Wednesday nights 5:30-7:00, including a Bible lesson and recreation. At least two adults are needed each night. If you feel God calling you to this new outreach, please contact Nancy Spiller at 318-315-2356. There is a real need for ministry with this age group!

Small Group Discussions with Youth – For a richer experience, the youth will begin dividing into small groups for about 20 minutes following the devotional. An adult is needed for each group to informally talk about the devotional, share their own understandings and "God moments," and, most of all, to listen. Our youth are searching for a deeper relationship with God, and you can be part of that growth. With enough volunteers, we should be able to alternate Wednesdays as needed. To be part of this ministry from 6:00-6:30 on Wednesdays, please contact Nancy Spiller at 318-315-2356.

*"I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields!
They are ripe for harvest." John 4:35*