



**DECEMBER 11, 2022**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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\* indicates that the congregation rise in body or in spirit

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**PRELUDE**

**\*Part of the Family**

(Inside Cover of Hymnal)

**WELCOME**

In Unison

**All: We gather together today remembering, that whoever we are, and wherever we are on life's journey, here we are accepted, loved, and part of the family. We receive and offer wide welcome, practice thoughtful faith, return to resilient hope, and extend extravagant love.**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY**

One: Rejoice in the Lord always! And again I say rejoice! This week we light the pink candle, symbolizing joy. We are reminded that God's presence with us is something inherently joyful. That for both God and us, sadness is temporary, joy is eternal.

**All: God of all Creation, fill our hearts this Advent season. May we know the greatest joy in the love you give to us, and that we, in turn, give to one another. Amen.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

From Psalm 146

One: Happy are those who have the God of Jacob as their help!

**All: Our hope is in the LORD our God!**

One: God is the creator of all things, and keeps his promise forever.

**All: God gives justice to the oppressed, and food to the hungry.**

One: The LORD sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts up those bent beneath heavy loads.



**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 35:1-10

One: May we hear what God is saying to us today

**All: Thanks be to God**

**SECOND READING**

Luke 1:46b-55

One: May we hear what God is saying to us today

**All: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

Holy Darkness Amazing Grace

Rev. Jeanelyse Doran

**HYMN**

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

(In Unison)

**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.**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“Some Children See Him”

Marilyn Mitchell

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING**

*To take each moment and  
live each moment in peace eternally,  
let there be peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me.*

**ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Guest Minister	Rev. Jeanelyse Doran
Liturgist	Heather Albin
Head Usher	Carl Rodegerdts
Organist	Carolyn Reiff
Pianist	Jane Martin
Greeter	Heidi Truitt
Candle Lighters	Osea, Kelepi, Inosi, Joseva, Ratu, Nau Ofa
Coffee Host	Marilyn Mitchell and Patty Cox

**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Dolores Bernhardt, Bob Cantrell, Anibel Casas, George Deese,  
LaVerne deHart, Jane Dewey, James Mann,  
Ryan Neu, Fred Sahlberg, Shirley Schroeder,  
Britney Smith, Beth Thorpe, Emali Vakawale, Sheila Wills

**THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

Tues. 12/13	<b>9:30am</b> Bible Study, Social Hall <i>Journey through the Book of Matthew.</i>
Thur. 12/15	<b>6:30pm Choir Practice</b> <i>Sanctuary</i>



**In Memory Of**

**Given By**

Carl and Hilda Rodegerdts  
Joe and Dorothy Langan

Carl and June Rodegerdts

Mitch and Irene Mitchell  
Robert and Jeanette Reiff  
Tillie Barth

Chuck & Marilyn Mitchell  
Carolyn Reiff

Al & Chad Hornbuckle  
Richard & June Hornbuckle  
Henry, Solange & Ken Jessen

Sue Hornbuckle & Family

John & Lydia Alexander  
John & Marion Nakken  
Jeanne Thomason

Pete & Jane Martin

Cindy Durst  
Ethel & Oscar Durst Sr.  
Oscar & Jean Durst  
Willie, Katie & Emil Stoll

Susie Richter

Sam & Barbara Agnew  
Caroline Oliver

Bruce & Diane Krause

Husband, Parents,  
Siblings & Friends

Dodie Casari

David La Costa

Samborsky & Fellows Family

Mike & Andrea Adan  
Pauline Enos Floyd  
Frank & Virginia Enos

Casey Adan

Katie Schaupp Jones  
Stanley "Mickey" Rooney Jr.  
Mary Ellen Lewis  
Ilene Jones Rooney  
Gessie Mae Hayes

Gretchen Rooney Adan

Haydon & Wilma Henson  
Jack Napper

Jenny Henson

Debby Truitt  
Roy & Thea Wiedenroth  
Shirley & Cecil Truitt  
Herbert Albin

The Truitt & Albin Family

Abby

Curtis, Heidi, Heather & Seth

**In Honor Of**

**Given By**

Dawn Samborsky  
Renee Fellows

Samborsky & Fellows Family

All My Animals

Curtis Albin

Our Church Family

The Truitt & Albin Family



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Christmas Cookie Bake Sale at Woodland UMC (212 2<sup>nd</sup> St.), Today at 11:00am**

Join us for the You Pick Christmas Cookie Bake Sale to raise funds for the Woodland Personal Care Pantry. The bake sale will be on December 11th from 11:00am to noon. Make a donation for a box (or two or three) and fill that box with all the home-made goodies you'd like.

### **Altar Poinsettias**

Honor a loved one with a poinsettia on the altar. A \$10 donation is requested for each poinsettia. We will recognize the donors and individuals being remembered/honored in the Sunday bulletins and in the January Altar Light. Contact the church office at (530) 662-5921 or [saintjohnswoodland@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnswoodland@gmail.com) for more details.

### **Upcoming Services**

*Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am* – Community Christian Academy Students will perform “Christmas Star”

*Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm* - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

*Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am* - Christmas Morning Service

### **Church Directories Available**

Pick up your copy of the new directory in the Narthex and please take one for anyone who is not able to come to church. If you need a directory mailed to you, please contact the church office at (530) 662-5921 or [saintjohnswoodland@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnswoodland@gmail.com)



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