

Third Sunday in Advent – December 15, 2013

Music Prelude

Glenda Teachey

Welcome and Announcements

***Passing of the Peace**

***Call to Worship** “Prepare the Way of the Lord” UMH #207

****Opening Hymn** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” UMH #211
verses 3-4

Advent Candle Lighting Candle of Joy

“Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy. He brings joy to every heart. He comes! He comes! Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy. Every nation will find salvation in Bethlehem’s baby boy. Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy. He brings joy to every heart. He comes! He comes! ”

Unison Prayer

***God of joy, you strengthen what is weak;
you enrich the poor and give hope to those who live in fear.
Look upon our needs this day. Make us grateful for the good news of
salvation and keep us faithful in your service until the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ, who lives for ever and ever. Amen.***

Praises & Prayer Requests

After each praise or prayer request: “Lord, hear our prayer.”

Hymn of Preparation “Send Your Word” UMH #195
Choir sings verse 1, all sing verses 2-3

Liturgy of the Word: Shirley Massey

Old Testament Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm Psalm 30, *read responsively* UMH 762-763

Gospel Matthew 11:2-6 Pastor Katie

*Please stand as you are able
** Lighting of the candles

Message:	“Advent Joy”	Pastor Katie
Offertory	“Come to Us, Little King”	Choir
*Doxology		UMH #95
*Offertory Prayer		Pastor Katie
Liturgy of the Table		
Holy Communion	Musical Setting B	UMH p. 18
Prayer after Communion		UMH p.11
The Apostles’ Creed		UMH #882
*Closing Hymn	“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”	UMH #206
*Blessing		Pastor Katie
*Benedictory Response	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”	UMH #204
Postlude		Glenda Teachey

We welcome you to worship with us again!

To our guests, thank you for visiting us today. Please fill out a visitor’s card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or see an usher or the Pastor. Join us in the Overflow Room for a “Meet & Greet” after the service.

Christmas Caroling with Saint James today – Join Pastor Katie and folks from Saint James for caroling to Saint James shut-ins. A bus will come by after the service to pick up interested carolers.

Readers

Dec. 15 Shirley Massey
 Dec. 22 Bob Crouse
 Dec. 29 Susan Safford
 January 5 Mike Scobell

Communion Servers

Dec. 15 Bob and Mary Crouse
 Dec. 22 Mike Scobell
 Dec. 29 no communion
 January 5 Shirley and Cara Massey

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