

*Welcome to  
Otterbein United Methodist Church*

December 15, 2024

10:30 am

Third Sunday of Advent

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*

**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP**

**We Gather to Worship the Lord**

Welcome

Prelude

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

arr. Bush

\*Greeting (*from Zechariah 2:10-11b*)

L: Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion!

**P: For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.**

L: Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day,

**P: and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst.**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn

No. 196, UMH

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Children's Time in Worship

Betty Redmond

**We Proclaim the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson	Zephaniah 3:14-20	(OT, pg. 877)
Psalter	Isaiah 12:2-6	(OT, page 641)
Anthem	<i>Advent's Holy Light</i>	Raney
*Gospel Lesson	Luke 3:7-18	(NT, page 60)
Sermon	"GOOD NEWS!"	Rev. Adam Blagg
Announcements		

### **We Give Our Thanks**

Invitation, Confession, Pardon, & Peace		No. 12, UMH
*Hymn	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i> (vs. 1-3)	No. 139, UMH
*Doxology		No. 95, UMH
Prayer of Dedication		
Celebration of Holy Communion		No. 13, UMH
Pastoral Prayer		

### **We Go Forth Renewed**

*Closing Hymn	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	No. 224, UMH
*Benediction		
*Postlude	<i>In Ducli Jubilo / Bring a Torch</i>	arr. Wolf

## This Week's Opportunities

### **Sunday, December 15**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am SPRC—Rm. 204

### **Monday, December 16**

#### **Office Closed**

4:30 pm Soup Kitchen  
5:00 pm Clothes Closet

### **Tuesday, December 17**

6:00 pm Bible Study—Rm. 204

### **Wednesday, December 18**

10:00 am Bible Study—Rm. 204  
6:00 pm Choir

### **Thursday, December 19**

2:00 pm JOY Group Planning  
Team—Rm. 204

### **Friday, December 20**

### **Saturday, December 21**

### **Sunday, December 22**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

## **Otterbein in Prayer**

Phyllis Albrite  
David Angier  
Rosalie Bailey  
Wanda Baker  
Carolyn Beam  
Gary Billingsley  
Whitney Bradley  
Millie Bruce  
Rev. Louis Carson  
Fern Cline  
Nissa D'Andrea  
Ann Dellinger  
Jo Ellen Dickenson  
Mike Earman  
George Ely  
Judi Espinoza  
Charles Glassick  
Ray Griffith  
Art Hanger  
Norma Heath  
Chuck & Nancy Macklin  
Art & Mary Jo Mitchell  
Betty Painter  
BJ Payne  
Maxine Perry  
Judy Pruett  
Dot Swartz  
Carolyn Stroop  
Juanita Taylor  
Daisy VanPelt  
Michelle VanPelt  
Hazel Willi  
Gina Wyse



THIRD SUNDAY

OF

Advent

### **Lay Reader:**

Susan Pollard

### **Attendance Last Sunday:**

150

### **Next Week's Nursery Volunteers:**

Carole Barber & Sarah Macomber

## Announcements

- **2025 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick-up in the High Street vestibule. *Please be sure to pick up the correct box!* If you don't see a box with your name and would like to begin using envelopes for your 2025 giving, fill out your information on the pink paper and a box will be assigned to you.
- **SPRC** will meet **today** following worship in **Room 204**.
- **Office Closed Tomorrow**—Both Adam and Melissa will be out of the office tomorrow (Monday), so the office will be closed.
- **Tidings Deadline**—The deadline for the **January Tidings** is **TOMORROW, December 16 by 9 am**. This month is an especially short turn around, so late submissions cannot be accommodated.
- **Selah Academy Christmas Program**—The Selah Academy Christmas Program that was originally scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, has been **postponed**. They are now planning on having a special program for Epiphany in January. Stay tuned for the exact date and time.
- **Chrismon Tree**—All Chrismons are made in a combination of white and gold. White, the liturgical color of Christmas, refers to our Lord's purity and perfection. Gold refers to His majesty and glory. Certain Chrismons show a minimal touch of red to remind us of the blood of Christ. The white lights symbolize Christ as the light of the world on an evergreen tree to symbolize the eternal life Christ has won for us.
- **UMM**—Beginning on **January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am**, our United Methodist Men's group will be gathering at OUMC in Memorial Hall for our monthly prayer breakfasts. We'd like to encourage more participation in this group. **Pass the word along** and we look forward to continuing our breakfast traditions in a more familiar setting in the 2025!
- **Assisted Listening Devices** and **large print bulletins and hymnals** are **available**. Please see an usher for assistance.

**TLC Person  
of the Week:**

Judi Espinoza  
1401 Virginia Avenue  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

*Remember Judi this week  
with a note or a card.  
Let's show her Otterbein's  
"tender, loving care"!*

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 3 pm

Friday: Closed