

ADVENT WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Eleven O'Clock

December 14, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Edwin H. Olson, Jr.

God Calls Us to Give Him Praise

Luke 1:46b-48a, 50-55

Elder: My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

**People: For he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant . . .**

Elder: His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

**People: He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their
inmost thoughts.**

Elder: He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

**People: He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.**

Elder: He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful

**All: To Abraham and his descendants forever,
even as he said to our fathers.**

Hymn of Advent* *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* No. 211

The Advent Prayer of Confession The Congregation

Most gracious Father in heaven, we have often turned away
from the gift you gave so freely – your precious Son. We have
buried him so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see him.
We have not followed Christ as we should and ignored his
teachings. We have lived lives of apathy against your divine love.
We have built fences and fortresses to keep others from entering
in and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us,

we pray, and free us from our captivity to worldly, fleshly, and
evil things. Free us to live a life of joy and triumph through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Now accept our private confessions.

My Private Confession

The Word of Forgiveness

Ephesians 4:22-24

Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner
of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,
and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,
and to put on the new self,
created after the likeness of God
in true righteousness and holiness.

God Calls Us to Give to His Kingdom Work

The Offertory

Karin Lyle

Doxology* [Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King] No. 733

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Advent Readers "The Joy of Going Home" Selected
Connie, Ross, Karin, Ed

The Lighting of the Candle of Joy

Hymn of Joy* *While by My Sheep I Watched at Night* No. 215

This gift of God we'll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall fill.

God Calls Us to Pray to Him

Anthem

God Calls Us to Receive His Word

The Sermon "The Good News of the Carols" Pastor Ed Olson
3. Joy to the World!

*Congregation standing

Remember in Prayers:

Ed and Connie Olson: Continued travel mercies for them, and for a time for healing and sharing with the family this Advent season.

Joe and Jayna Johnson (and Daughters, Verity and Eve): As Joe continues his examination process by Highlands Presbytery, and prepares for relocation to our state and county.

Missionaries of the Week:

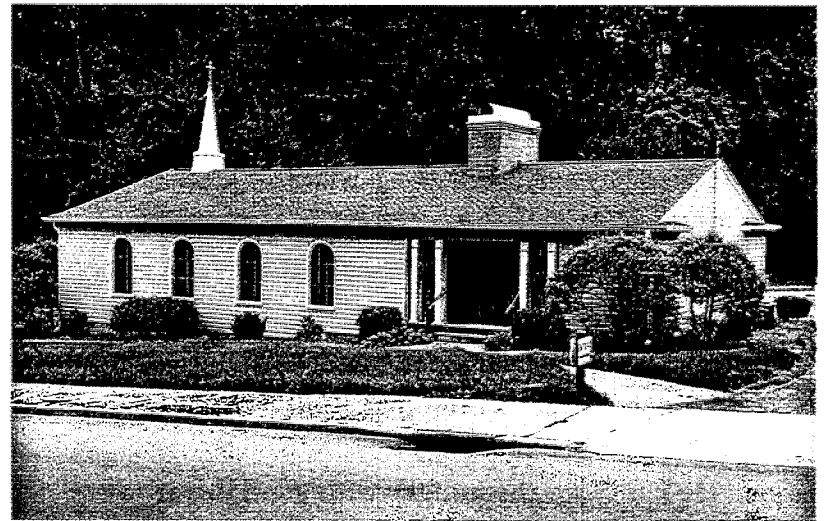
Donnie Williams: Senegal, West Africa. MTW

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. This morning we will light the candle of “JOY” as we recall the coming of our Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. He brought gladness to our hearts in his sacrifice for our sins, and his victory over the grave.

Upcoming Events of Note:

Christmas Eve Service, Wednesday, December 24, 3pm.

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