

# Third Sunday of Advent ... JOY

December 15, 2019

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER .....Pastor and Congregation

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH..... Garret, Jenny and Maddox Gooch

CHORAL RESPONSE... "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" ..... Congregation

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Luke 2:25-32*..... Reggie Jackson

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,<sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

HYMN ... "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" ... vs. 1, 3 and 4 ..... 131

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Rebecca Blake

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord God, as we begin to prepare our hearts to receive the One whom you are sending, forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way. Forgive us, in the name of Jesus, the One who is coming. Amen.**

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

MORNING PRAYER ..... Pastor

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" ..... 127

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY ... "Silent Night"..... Sylvia McAlister

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON... *Ezra: 1:1-4 and 3:10-13* ..... Molly Abbott

In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in order that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom, and also in a written edict declared: "Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem in Judah. Any of those among you who are of his people—may their God be with them!—are now permitted to go up to Jerusalem in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem; and let all survivors, in whatever place they reside, be assisted by the people

of their place with silver and gold, with goods and with animals, besides freewill offerings for the house of God in Jerusalem."

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the LORD with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel." And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.

ANTHEM ... "A Child is Gonna Come" ..... Choir

SERMON..... Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" ... vs. 1 and 3 ..... 114

BENEDICTION ..... Pastor

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

## CALENDAR

TODAY

6:00 PM ..... Choir Practice

MONDAY

6:00 PM ..... Deacons' Meeting

7:00 PM ..... Choir Practice

TUESDAY

7:00 PM..... **CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT!**

WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM ..... Leave for Bob Timberlake Gallery

6:00 PM ..... TEAM 4

6:30 PM ..... Quarterly Business Meeting

THURSDAY

11:00 AM..... Community Meal

NEXT SUNDAY ... NO BREAKFAST

11:00 AM ... WORSHIP ... Collection of Special Missions Offering

6:00 PM ... **CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

followed by Church-wide Christmas Party...  
please bring Christmas goodies to share!

**USHERS**

**TODAY**..... Nancy Ruppert’s Team

**NEXT SUNDAY** .....Barbara Smith’s Team

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

**TODAY**..... Sharon Blake, Jean Maness, Barbara Buckland

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Angel and Courtney Robinson and Betty Green

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

Dec. 22: Church Christmas Concert & Party at 6 PM

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 PM

**PRAYER LIST**

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, George Lynthacum, Mary Williams			
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner, Karen Dailey, Janet Maness			
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i>			
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins	friend	
	Tony Lawson	friend	
	Toni Atchison	sister	
	Tammy Laprade	sister	
Rebecca/Jimmy Blake	Jennifer Blake Hoyos	daughter	
Sheila Capel	Ada Capel	mother	
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister	
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	
Mary James	Benny McBride	friend	
	Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew	
	Don Britt	nephew	
			Candy/Rodney Loflin
			John Covington
			brother
			Curtis Holt
			friend
			Wesley Culler
			friend
			Lois Loflin
			mother
			Jo Brooks
			friend
			J.D. Thompson
			nephew
			Melissa Green
			daughter
			Carol Luther
			friend
			Tammy Parker
			friend
			Joel McCaskill
			father
			Pat/Bob Morgan
			Jesse Wallace
			friend
			Nancy Ruppert
			Marie Spoon
			sister
			Barbara Smith
			Mary Williams
			daughter
			Laura Wilson
			friend
			Doris Hinson
			friend
			Betty Green
			Beth Kearns
			friend
			Jean Smith
			Hazel Greene
			sister
			Genelle Greene
			<i>Service Personnel:</i>
			Seth Spivey

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,398.00

Monthly budget needs .....\$10,393.00

Last week’s offering .....\$2,010.00

November offering .....\$8,810.00

Deficit to date...\$10,878