United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri Rev. Russell Cobb Pastor Mrs. Beth Dampf Organist Mrs. Connie Bestgen God's Singers Director

December 11, 2022 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

*All those who are able, please stand

Jess Medlin & Logan Milligan

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: JOY (*Please remain seated*)

Advent Reading: Joy (from Exodus)

Leader: Today we relight the first two candles of the Advent

wreath. The candle of HOPE and the candle of PEACE.

Lighting of The Candles of HOPE and PEACE

Leader: Now we light the third candle of Advent. The pink candle. This is the candle of JOY. *Lighting of The Candle of JOY.*

Leader: As the coming of Jesus, our Savior, draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of his birth. From the book of Isaiah, we read the words of our Lord:

Congregation: "But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight."

Leader: From the New Testament, the words of Paul to the people of the church at Galatia:

Congregation: **"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit."**

*Hymn No. 100 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Prayer of the Day

We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit. Amen

*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

*Act of Praise No. 493 "Gloria Patri" (Glory be to the Father)

Invitation to Children's Time

Hymn for Children"Jesus Loves Me"Children's TimeJoAnn CantrielAnthem"What Can We Give to the King?"God's Singers

Baby Dedication – Lottie Jean Juul

*Congregation: Do all of you here this morning promise your love, support, counsel & care to the one about to be blessed and her parents?

Respond: "We Promise."

Prayer for Illumination

Allan Mortenson

Almighty God, who looked upon us when we had fallen into sin and resolved to save us by the advent of your only-begotten Son: Grant, we ask you, that all who confess his having come in the flesh may be counted in the fellowship of him, our Redeemer Jesus Christ; Who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God in glory everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson:Psalms 118:19-29p.531Second Lesson:Romans 15: 9-13p.989

Sermon Christmas Carols of Advent- Joy to the World Psalm 96 & Psalm 98

Hymn No. 107 "Joy to the World"

Christians, what do you believe?

(Apostles' Creed) I believe in God the Father, Almighty... Prayer of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

Invitation to the Offering

*Response "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 121 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

*Benediction

*Congregational Response –

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels' guide, uphold you, With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet . . . till we meet; Till we meet at Jesus' feet; Till we meet . . . till we meet; God be with you till we meet again. *Postlude

Thank you to the Milligan Family for leading the Advent Call to Worship this morning.

We rejoice with Bill and Kennedy Juul on the dedication of their daughter, Lottie Jean Juul

Lottie's sponsors are Lauren Laird and Donald Juul

Activities Calendar: December 11, 2022 ~ December 18, 2022

Sunday, December 11, 2022, Third Sunday of Advent 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School 10:30 a.m. - Worship Monday, December 12, 2022 6:00 p.m. – Consistory Tuesday, December 13, 2022 9:00 a.m. - Prayer Cell Wednesday, December 14, 2022 6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal 6:30 p.m. - Confirmation, God's Singers/Christmas Program Practice Bell Choir, Bible Study 7:30 p.m. - Sr. Choir Sunday, December 18, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School 10:30 a.m. - Worship -Cantata 7:00 p.m.- Salem UCC Christmas Program

Looking ahead......Dec. 19th – Brotherhood Christmas Caroling 5:00 p.m. Dec. 24th- Christmas Eve Program 7:00 p.m. Salem Christmas Eve Service 11:00 p.m. Dec. 25th - Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Meal – Dec. 14th, 6:00 p.m. **Spaghetti, Green Beans and Bread**

Don't forget to sign up if you are coming!

Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, <u>January 29*</u>, 2023 Annual Reports for Committees & Organizations are due in the Church Office by December 30, 2022. Financial reports are due by <u>January 6</u>*, 2023.

*Note change of dates

Please pray for these ...

Love & Justice in God's World

The Family and Friends of Bruce Longan

Our Confirmands:

Cooper Brandes, Ella Burger, Emily Burger, Bella Fulks, Hunter Hall, Caleb Howard, and Hadley Milligan

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky ZuidervaartBill SchachtKim (Yelton) HaesemeierJo SuggsChris Schoenthal

Judy Kilmer

All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:

Martin Knipker (son of Kenny Knipker)

Dwight Bowlin (grandson of Jack & the late Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, *KY*)

Dakota Meyer (grandson of Billy Meyer, Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO) Madelynn Perry (granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army – Europe) Dylan Ash (son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, stationed at Oak Harbor, WA) Hayden Grant (grandson of Kathy Grant, Air Force, Pensacola, FL) Kyle Hofstetter (son of Scott & Jill Hofstetter, stationed at San Diego, CA) Alexander Ives (nephew of Pamela Hill, Army – Fort Bragg) Cory Friedmeyer (grandson of Charles Goode, Marines, 29 Palms, CA) Derek Meyer (grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Monterey, CA) Brett Street (grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Elmendorf, AK) Damion Street (grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Munich, Germany)

ANGEL TREE REMINDER

Gifts with letter attached to package are due TODAY! Thanks to everyone that has taken an Angel or that made a monitory donation.

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A **Nursery** is available from 9:45am-11:45am in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery volunteer is **Staci Nichols**. There are activity bags at the back of the sanctuary for children that stay in the worship service.

Need some help with hearing? See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall. We have new units available.

Notice the "Connection Cards" in the pews. They are for our guests or anyone that has a prayer request or needs more information about the church. Please place it in the offering plate.

A Christmas tree has been put up in the foyer upstairs outside the elevator. We are calling it the **"Memory Tree."** It is for families to decorate with an ornament in memory of their loved one. You can stop by anytime and put your ornament on the tree. Please leave a note in the church office when you bring in your ornament so we can list your loved one's ornament in the bulletin **next week**.

> Salem UCC Christmas Program December 18th ~ 7:00 p.m. Featuring *the Sounds of Joy*



Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids) Today

after children's time till the end of the worship service for **Grades K-3**rd **grade**.

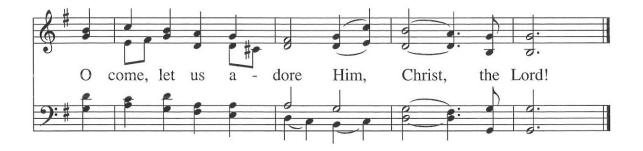
We will have a Bible story video about The Jesus Stories, talk about our Bible story, sing songs and have a snack. All the kids in this age group are invited to come down to the Fellowship Hall with Betty Cobb. Sunday ROK will take place the second Sunday of each month. You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship service.

Sermon Notes - Christmas Carols of Advent- Joy to the World Psalm 96 & Psalm 98

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O Come, All Ye Faithful





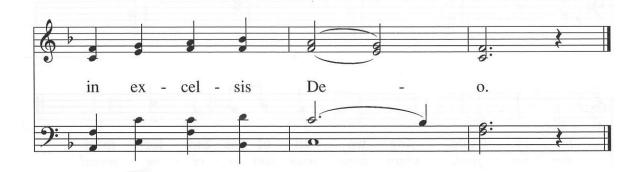












THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the one Holy universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 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 for ever. Amen.

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Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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