



**United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri**  
**Rev. Russell Cobb** **Pastor**  
**Mrs. Beth Dampf** **Organist**  
**Mrs. Stacy Friedrich** **Sr. Choir Director**

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**December 15, 2024 ~ Third Sunday of Advent**

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*\*All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Amelia Howard & Brynna Hall

Welcome and Announcements

\*Processional Hymn No. 121 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

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.”**

\*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 **“Away in the Manger”**

Children’s Time

Ginnie Medlin

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

\*Response *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

\*Prayer of Dedication

## Sr. Choir Christmas Cantata

### ***Mary, Did You Know?***

Readers: Allan Mortenson and Kendra Hall

Soloist: Brynna Hall

Accompanist: Ellen Ash

*Tidings of Great Joy Overture*

*Glory to the Newborn King Medley*

*Born To Save Us*

*Manger Throne Medley*

*One King*

*Who Would Imagine a King? soloist: Brynna Hall*

*Mary, Did You Know?*

*Jesus, Messiah with O Come Let Us Adore Him*

*Great Joy Medley*

\*Hymn No. 111 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response – “**Soon and Very Soon**” p. 218

*“Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!”*

\*Postlude

## Activities Calendar: December 15, 2024 ~ December 22, 2024

### Sunday, December 15, 2024, Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Cantata

7:00 p.m. – Salem Christmas Program

### Monday, December 16, 2024

5:00 p.m. – Brotherhood Caroling begins

6:30 p.m. – GriefShare-last meeting

### Tuesday, December 17, 2024

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

### Wednesday, December 18, 2024

12:00 p.m. – Women’s Guild

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation, Christmas Program Practice

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

### Sunday, December 22, 2024, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School – Cookies and Carols – No classes

10:30 a.m. – Worship

*Looking ahead.....*

*Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve Program 7:00 p.m.*

*Salem Christmas Worship 4:30 p.m.*

*Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - Worship Service 10:00 a.m.*

**Articles for  
*The Tidings* due  
Dec. 20th  
Thank you!**

Thank you to **Jaelea Hall and Family** for leading the Advent Call to Worship this morning.

**Wednesday Evening Meal – Dec. 18th, 6:00 p.m.**

**Taco Bar**

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

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*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

*Family and Friends of Truman Volkart*

**Confirmands:**

Conner Brockes, Jaelea Hall, Carson Kruger, Jess Medlin, Ava Motley, Brenyn Robertson, Rylan Robertson and Hazel Wolford

**All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:**

Becky Zuidervaart      Bill Schacht

Jo Suggs      Judy Kilmer      Jaden Perry (*Janice Anderson's grandson*)

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

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)

Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of the late Jack & 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, Great Lakes Naval Base, North Chicago, IL*)

Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Monterey,*

*Damion Street (grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Munich, Germany)*

*Blake Street (grandson of Jenine Baker, Basic Training, Ft. Still, OK)*

**Salem UCC**

**Christmas Program**

**TONIGHT, December 15th ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Featuring**

**the Sounds of Joy**

**Tom and Heather Medlin-Mission Speakers**

*Come celebrate the blessings of Christmas!*

**Annual Meeting scheduled for  
Sunday, January 26, 2025**

The Consistory wants your comments on the following Capital Improvement ideas.... (they are not in any priority order)

- Stained Glass Window Repairs and Stabilization**
- Church Sign on Oak Street**
- Roof/Awning at Lower Entrance**
- Tile Floor Replacement at Lower Entrance and Hallways**

**Annual Reports for Committees & Organizations are due in the  
Church Office by December 27, 2024.**

**Financial reports are due on or before January 10, 2025.**

**2025 Offering Envelopes are here.**

They can be picked up in the back of the Sanctuary. If there is not a box with your name on it and you would like one, please let the church office know.

Still looking for a Nursery Attendant. Reagan's last day will be Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are interested or know of someone that would be, please let the Consistory or Church Office know.

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery attendant is **Reagan Cain**. 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.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS HAVE BEEN  
PLACED IN MEMORY OF ~**

**Betty Lindsay, by the Ingram's**

**Rev. Richard Ferris, by Carmen Ferris**

**Richard Nicholas Ferris, by Carmen Ferris**

**Morris Burger  
James & Betty Stables  
by Philip & Susan Burger**

**Walter and Alice Pate  
by Jim & Roberta Pate**

**Bob Burger, Ruth Berroth,  
Ralph Stegner & Fred Stegner  
by Jim & Roberta Pate**

**Martin, Florence and Bob Burger  
by Mary Burger**

**Irvin, Vernie, Fred, Ralph & Ruth Stegner  
by Mary Burger**

**Wayne Bueker, by Mary Bueker & Family**

**Walter & Maxine Bueker  
by Mary Bueker & Family**



**Bob Keil**, by Mary Keil & Family

**Nick & Trella Clennin**  
**Harold & Ruth Clennin**  
by Carla Clennin

**Harley and Norma McDaniel**,  
by Steve & Barb, Deb & Billy and Family

**Ed & Mary Lou Hert**, by the Family

**J.E. & Charlene Ford**, by Jimmy Ford

**John Walters**, by Darles Vernon

**Carlos and Dena Vernon**, by Darles Vernon

**Rebecca Eichelberger**, by Amy Howard

**Papa Wayne Howard**,  
by Amelia and Grady Howard

**Cletus & Geneva Kueffer**  
by Rhonda & Duane Huhmann,  
Amy & Tom Huhmann

**Herman & Juanita, Gail L. & Carol Wolfrum**  
by Betty Swillum & Beth Peeper and Families

**Morris Burger**,  
By Burger Family

**E.M. & Natalia Burger and  
Margaret Bueker,  
by Burger Family**

**Richard Thompson,  
By Brittney & Jess Medlin & Family**

**Robert S. "Bob" Bruce, by Patty Bruce & Family**

**Danny Rohrbach, by the Family**

**Juanita Meisenheimer, by Carl Meisenheimer**

**Kevin E. Bird, by Family  
Jerry McCarty, by Family  
Herbert and Ruby Kusgen, by Family**

**Our Loved Ones,  
By Jack and Carole Cobb**

**Billy Schlup, by the Schlup Family**

**William F. Schlup, by the Schlup Family**

**Carl A. & Alice Meisenheimer  
by the Meisenheimer Family**

**Rollie and Mary Lee Brizendine  
by the Meisenheimer Family**

**Richard Meisenheimer, by the Meisenheimer Family**

**Ed & Ella Kueffer**, by the Bob Kueffer Family

**Bill Burger**

by Judy, Jeremy, and Andy Burger & Families

**Bradley Kueffer**, by Family

**Wayne Howard & Jack and Carole Beth Bowlin**

by Kent, Gerri and Caleb Howard

**Justin Trimble**,

by Amanda, Macie and Chase Trimble

**ORNAMENTS ON THE MEMORY TREE HAVE  
BEEN PLACED IN MEMORY OF . . .**

**"Papa" Wayne Howard**, by Caleb, Gerri and Kent Howard

**Maw Maw (Carole Beth Bowlin)**, by Caleb, Gerri and Kent  
Howard

**Gene, Daryl, & David Ash**

by Judy Ash

**Herman & Juanita, Gail L. & Carol Wolfrum**

by Betty Swillum & Beth Peeper and Families

**Justin Trimble**,

by Amanda, Macie and Chase Trimble

**Martin, Florence and Bob Burger**  
by Mary Burger

**Irvin, Vernie, Fred, Ralph & Ruth Stegner**  
by Mary Burger

**Bill, Fred & Lucy Burger**  
**Donald & Eva Mae Switzer**  
By Judy, Jeremy, Andy and families

# Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing  
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the

o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply  
strains pro - long? Say what may the tid - ings be,  
an - gels sing; Come a - dore on bend - ed knee,

Ech - o back their joy - ous strains. Glo -  
Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.  
Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

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in ex - cel - sis De - o.

# O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How  
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, And  
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The  
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De -

still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and  
 gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, the  
 won - drous gift is giv'n! So God im - parts to  
 scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and

dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
 an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.  
 hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.  
 en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in the dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly  
 No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings

Light; The hopes and fears of  
 birth! And prais - es sing to  
 sin, Where meek souls will re -  
 tell; O come to us, a -

all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
 God the King, And peace to all on earth.  
 ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
 bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!



## 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.

## 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 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.

## DOXOLOGY

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.

## KYRIE

*Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
**Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
*Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
**Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
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