

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

December 15, 2024 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

**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 Manager”**

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. 24th - Christmas Eve Program 7:00 p.m.

Salem Christmas Worship 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 25th - 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 22nd. 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, Glo

ri - a

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.
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