

3rd Sunday in Advent December 11, 2022 9:30am

Gathering

Welcome

*Call to Worship

One: Show us your unfailing love, O God, our Savior.

All: And grant us your salvation.

One: Listen to what the Lord our God says:

All: He promises peace to his people, who are his beloved saints.

One: The Lord will indeed give what is good.

All: Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

One: May the Lord make his holy face to shine upon us in this time of Advent worship. May we see God's face and so know peace.

All: Amen!

*Opening Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" No. 206

*Advent Candle Lighting

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

All: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

One: The Lord says to his servant, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;

All: It will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

(Two purple candles and one pink candle are lit)

One: Every valley shall be lifted up and every mountain and hill be made low;

All: The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places as a plain.

*Opening Prayer

O God, you have given us the sure promise that Jesus will return to judge the earth. Make us ready, we pray, for his royal coming, that we may consider daily what sort of people we ought to be, and be found faithful servants waiting and working for our

Master's return. Grant in your mercy that many may be won for him before he comes, and make us bold in our witness until that day, whether he comes at midnight, or at dawn, or in the daytime. For his name's sake. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Reading Luke 1:46-55

*Hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" No. 211, v. 1-4

Scripture Reading Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon Preparing the Way Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

*Closing Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" No. 203

*Benediction

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We invite you to keep the following people in your prayers

Tammy Baskaran, Bruce Beckman, Michael Brick, family of Michael Britt, Dave Calloway, **Family of Diane Cross**, Csanady Family, **Steve Dawson**, Carolyn and Jim Deverin, **Family of Bill Dietz**, Jessica Favret, Pat Finley, **Baby Graham Geschke**, Brenda and Georges Guerrier, Diane Hild, Paul and Judy Hoffman, Savannah Hosmer, Ellie Hunter, family of Dean Jestes, Family of Doug Kennedy, Family of Billy Knight, Kurek family, **Billy Lewis**, Ed Massey, Henry Meyers, Family of Cecile Michon, family of Kirk Miller, Brian Morton, **Gail Phillips Smith and Miles Smith**, Theresa Schmitt and the Mullins children, Family of Bob Quisenberry, Scott Robert, Family of Ed Scott,

Pat Sievers, Jill Spicher, Sharon Truedel, **Family of James Turnbull**, Kim Welkner's mother, Jamie Whitehead, family of Reds Williams, Tom Wimsatt

Long-term prayer concerns: Karyn Brandel, **Coolidge Family**, **Cunningham Family**, Jerry Fowler, Karen Goles, Shirly Graham, Richard Giffin, Robin Jones, Barbara Maury, Anna Catherine Miller, Mary Jo Ridgely, Dustin Summers, Harding Wescott, Ryan Whitehead and his family, Tony Zile

Christmas Eve Services

Emory UMC – 5:00 PM
Gary Memorial UMC – 7:00 PM

Thank you to our Greeters and Ushers – Shannon and Ron Whitehead

Thank you to our Liturgist – Brooks Morton