

**Worship Service
Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021**

We Gather to Worship
Greeters: David & Gayle Allen

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

All: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

One: Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

All: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

One: Trust and do not be afraid.

All: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

One: With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

All: The Lord is our strength and our salvation. Hallelujah! Amen.

Lighting the Advent Wreath Cantata Choir

One: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. As the Lord has promised, in days to come: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

All: like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

One: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

All: Amen.

Prayer of Confession

One: The Lord is near.

All: In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

Time for Young Disciples (TC) Kathy Kuykendall

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20

Responsive Reading Isaiah 12:2-6

One: Surely God is my salvation;

All: I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might;

One: he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All: And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations;

One: proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

All: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:4-7

Scripture Reading Luke 3:7-18

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon Rev. Rob Vaughan

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. and in in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Hymn Joy to the World #134

Joys and Concerns

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, forever. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

**Ministers: All Members of the Church
Leadership of Today's Worship Service
Scott Staley**

**Liturgy for today's worship was drawn from
Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion
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Covenant of Prayers

Joys and prayers for the friends and family of someone who is recently deceased will be printed for one week. Other prayer concerns will run for three weeks unless they are on-going concerns.

Our Members: Juanita Shoemaker; Kaye Strawn; Bob & Nancy Allen; Evelyn Baker; Ja'Naye Corbin

Missionary Support: Mark Hare (Costa Rica) and Tracey King-Ortega (Central America)

Also: Joy for the birth of Matthew Lee Strawn, Tyler Addis & others serving in the military, fighting fires, and otherwise away from home this holiday season, friends and family of Shirley Veach and Clayton Veach, Mike Corbin, Corinne Mihelic; our schools; Matthew Krams; covid patients & caregivers; the unvaccinated; Morgan Kuykendall; unnamed requests

Announcements

- 1) Join us for light refreshments and fellowship after worship in the Town Church.
- 2) Annual Congregational Meeting: Today at noon in the Town Church.
- 3) Christmas Cantata: We will hold a joint service at the Methodist Church at 10 am on December 19 for the combined choir Christmas cantata.

Worship Next Week at Romney First United Methodist Church 10 am

Scripture Texts for Next Sunday:

Micah 5 2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55; Psalm 80:1-7;
Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Attendance December 5, 2021:

In Person: 29 Online Connections: 9

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- To provide a church home that nurtures faith through prayer, praise, worship, and the study of God's Word.
- To witness for Christ by word and deed to our community and the world for God's glory.

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ST. LUKE'S CHAPEL

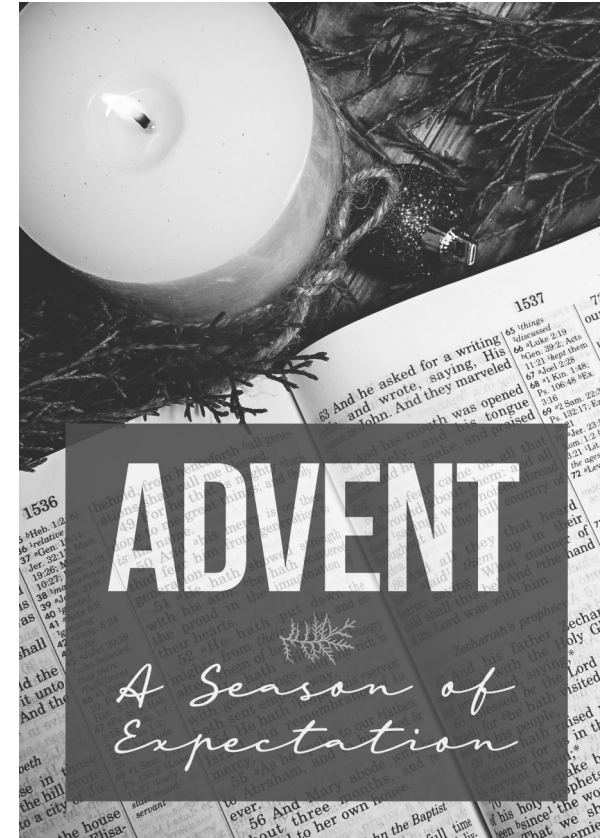
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Margritt Mason	Vida Simon
Kimberly Smith	Patricia Taylor

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Come In to Be Filled – Go Out to Serve

