A Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent



Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the joy that entered the world when Jesus was born. Lord, sometimes it's difficult to live joyfully, especially in difficult or busy seasons. Please purify our hearts this week and remind us that You're in control. Help us to consider it joy when we experience trials of any kind because we know You're creating something beautiful and eternal. As we fix our eyes and hearts on You, fill our souls with renewed strength, courage, and hope. Lord, You are always worthy of being praised – and we want to worship You.

Amen





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WORSHIP SERVICE

December 15,202	24 Third Sunday in	Advent
Prelude		
Chiming of the T	rinity	
Procession of the	Cross and Flame	
Welcome and Ar	nouncements	
Call to Worship	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	#89 vs. 1&2)
Invocation	An Advent Prayer back of	f bulletin
Opening Hymn Psalter Reading	Joy to the World Psalm 98	#246 #818
The Lighting of t	he Advent Candle Austin William	s Family
	Our Favorite Christmas Hymns	2
Prayers of the Ch	urch Family	a.
Hymn of Prayer	Away in a Manger	#217
Pastoral Prayer a	nd The Lord's Prayer	(vs 3)
Offertory		
Doxology	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	# 95
The Message	The Joy of Jesus	Rev. Ott
Invitational Hym	n Go, Tell It on The Mountain	#251
Benediction		

Postlude

OUR PRAYERS: Scott Bell, R. Lee Benton, Stacy Carter, R.L. Carter, Jr., Marilyn Creech, Troyce Crosby, Dorothy Cummings, Joseph Givens, Kristy and Hayes Harris, Joyce Hennen, Bo Hetrick, Michael Hickman, Bill Howell, Lad Howell, Tony Hubbard, Linda Hudson, Bobbie McLaine, Ann Nettles, Lynn Nettles, Ed Newington, Christopher Plummer, Dan Pope, Joe Ritter, Joey Ritter, Debra Smith, Cindy Thompson, Eddie Thompson, Marion Thompson, Taylor Twigg, Chris Varnadoe, Michael Walker, Shirley Wilmot, Cliff Wisely.

Nursing Homes/Shut-Ins/Distant Members: Doris Bone, Jane Brown, Nina Crosby, Lucille Culpepper, Sarah Anne Dean, June Dyches, Lynn Harrison, Joy Lawson, Jeanine Price, Gene Rhodes, Rusty Riddle, Kay Speaks, Norma West, Miriam Westbury.

Military Service: Caleb Blankenship, Elijah and Kaeleigh Forni, Cody Keeney, Matthew Mangum, Edward Phillips, Jordan Ray, Tristan Ray, Blake Rhodes.

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John Thomas

Both Youth Groups will meet today at 4:00 PM.

Choir Christmas Concert is today at 5:00 PM

Finance Committee will meet Monday, December 16th at 5:30 PM in the Library.

Trustees will meet Monday, December 16th at 6:30 PM in the Library.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be at 5:00 PM.

Bethel Scholarships: Multiple scholarships are available to qualifying students with one application. The application packet is on the Bethel website and are due by **January 2, 2025**.