

Indoor and Online
Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9:30 am

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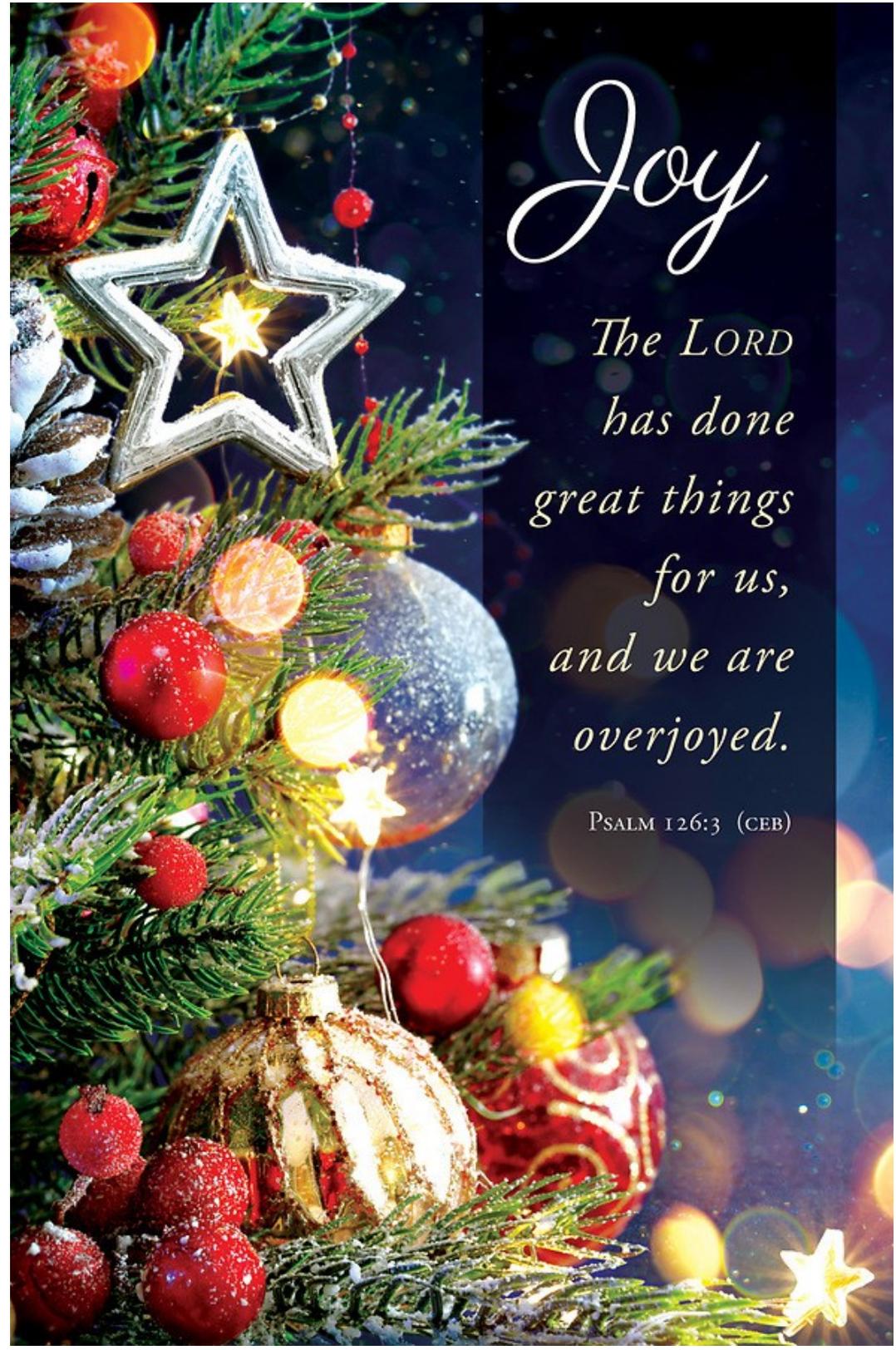
This service is available online. The primary camera focus is the chancel area and communion table.

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*“Living out God’s Love as we
gather together and reach out.”*



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Joy

*The LORD
has done
great things
for us,
and we are
overjoyed.*

PSALM 126:3 (CEB)

DECEMBER 14, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CENTERING WORDS

Even in our weakness, Christ arrives with strength and courage. Even in our sorrow, Christmas comes to bring hope and joy. May this promise take root in our souls, as we wait with patience for Christ and Christmas to arrive.

***WORSHIP GATHERING SONGS**

*Noel
Come See (Glory Hallelujah)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Claire Schlegel

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Claire

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Claire

Rejoice! God's promises are ever near.

We wait for Christ's birth with patience.

Rejoice! God's strength is with us.

We rest in the power of God's mighty love.

Rejoice! We gather in the joy of our salvation.

In this love, we gather to worship and pray.

***OPENING HYMN**

Harold Willome
Angels We Have Heard on High #23 (v. 1-3)

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE-JOY

Debbie Bruce
Nancy Michalski
Jo Simmons

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mary S. Brown

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary S. Brown

God beyond time and space, be with us in our time of waiting. We long to place our trust in your promises, but it often seems like we are on our own. We yearn to be found faithful in our waiting, but your kingdom seems so far away. We seek the strength of your mighty hand, but are betrayed in our weakness. We dream of being people of perseverance, but our work often seems fruitless. Heal our doubts, O God, and nurture the seeds of hope in our hearts, that our souls may find peace as we wait for your arrival. Amen.

(Silent Prayers may be offered)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Mary S. Brown

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Mary S. Brown

**Gloria Patri*

CHORAL OFFERING

Jesus Christ Was Born NK Choir
Conducted by: Rita Burrows

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:1-10 CEB Mary S. Brown

HYMN OF PREPARATION

O Come, O Come Emmanuel #9

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:2-11 CEB Pastor Claire

MESSAGE

That's Okay, I'll Wait Pastor Claire

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Mary S. Brown

OFFERTORY

Joy to the World Harold Willome
**Doxology* Jodie Stahl

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Claire

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Pastor Claire
(Communion Servers: Marilyn Switzer, Kathi Hanson, Joyce Brand, Tom Stahl)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor Claire

***CLOSING SONG**

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy) Praise Band

BENEDICTION

Pastor Claire

**Indicates to please stand if able*