

Unity Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 17, 2023

3rd Sunday Advent

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

Gathering of God's People

Choral Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Sandra & Peyton Thornton

Welcome

Sherry Davis

Call to Worship

L. Sound the trumpet! Ring the Bell! There's a story you must tell!

P. In a manger lies a King, let us worship, let us sing!

L. A joyous celebration of Christ, our Savior's birth.

P. A joyful exultation with good will and peace on earth,

L. gift to all nations, a Father's only son.

P. A Christmas Proclamation our Lord at last has come.

Morning Prayer

+Hymn of Praise

Austin Westbrook

+Call to Confession

Brooke Minnich

+Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, it was with joy that you brought us into being.

You created the world and called it good. And yet we have

done so much to quell that goodness: we have fought with

one another and failed to live in peace, we have shut out the

stranger; we have ignored the needy and judged the poor; we

have fallen short of your command to be the Beloved

Community. Forgive us, Merciful God, and bring us back to

the joy we find in you. This we pray in your holy name. Amen.

+Assurance of Pardon

+Passing the Peace

Our Life Together

Service of the Word

Sermon:

Nativity Scene with Children

Responding in Faith

+Hymn of Adoration

"Joy to the World" (Children)

+Affirmation of Faith

Daniel Barefoot

+Apostles Creed

+Gloria Patri

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Kim Denning

+The Doxology

+Prayer of Dedication

Sending Out into the World

+Hymn of Commitment

Nellie Bass

Charge and Benediction

Gayle Hobbs

Choral Benediction

Postlude

+ Please stand as you are able

Welcome to Unity Presbyterian Church!

We are happy you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to know more about us, please ask. We love to share the Unity story.

Please sign the visitor book in the vestibule so we can have a record of your visit.

Children's Bulletins and Clip Boards available in the Vestibule.

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