

# Unity Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

**Gathering of God's People**

**Choral Call to Worship**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**                      **The Beasley Family**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

L. Today we gather with joy and anticipation, to hear again the story of God's love made known in Jesus.

**P. We come to celebrate the child who brings hope and light into the world.**

L. From the stable to our hearts, the good news rings out: God is with us—Emmanuel!

**P. Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth!**

L. Let us worship the One who came as a baby, grew to be our teacher and Savior, and reigns forever as Lord of all.

**All: Come, let us worship Christ, the newborn King!**

**+Morning Prayer**

**+Hymn of Praise**                      **"O Come All Ye Faithful"**

**+Call to Confession**

**+Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, in this joyful season we confess that we sometimes lose sight of what Christmas truly means. We rush through our days, distracted and anxious, forgetting to make room for You in our hearts. Forgive us, Lord. Calm our hurried spirits and quiet our hearts. Help us to hear again the good news of great joy— that You have come to dwell among us, bringing forgiveness, peace, and new life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. . (Silence) Amen.**

**+Assurance of Pardon -**

**+ Passing the Peace**

**Our Life Together**

**Announcements**

**Service of the Word**  
**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon:**

**Today we will tell the story of God's greatest gift- the birth of Jesus.**

**The Angel Visits Mary - Luke 1:26-38**

**The Journey to Bethlehem - Luke 2:1-5**

**The Birth of Jesus - Luke 2:6-7**

**Angels and Shepherds - Luke 2:8-14**

**The Visit of the Wise Men - Matthew 2:1-12**

**The Message of Christmas**

**Responding in Faith**

**+ Hymn of Adoration**

**"Silent Night"**

**+Affirmation of Faith**

**+The Apostles' Creed**

**+ Gloria Patri**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

**+The Doxology**

**+Prayer of Dedication**

**Sending Out into the World**

**+ Hymn of Commitment**

**"Joy to the World"**

**+ Charge and Benediction**

**+Blessing of the Food**

**+Choral Benediction**

**Postlude**

**+ Please stand as you are able**

**+ Today we are Live Streaming**

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. Clip boards in Vestibule.

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

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