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*"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning,
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WEEK OF December 17, 2023

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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The Third Sunday in Advent

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

"Rejoice always," begins the reading from 1 Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. "All God's children got a robe," go the words of a spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes we are happy to wear. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God's party.

Special prayer request

*for Noah, Amy, Eddie and Debbie and Robert Davis
as Noah continues to struggle with his health
concerns*

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Announcements

Attention all Lectors and potential new Lectors:

As we enter the new year, we will also enter a new year of rescheduling and updated catechization of all our faithful Lectors.

Immediately after Christmas, please watch your bulletins and Ring Out for the scheduling of two upcoming training sessions for all veteran and new Lectors. Scheduling will begin as training is completed, and all are requested to attend one of the sessions to assure your place in the upcoming Lector scheduling.

Thank you and please watch and listen for further information.



Sunday Worship for will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:45 on Sunday morning. An email with the link will be sent on Sunday morning. You can also watch a recorded version later by visiting our [YouTube Page](#).

You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.

**[WATCH THE
LIVESTREAM](#)**

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 17
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
9:15 am Parish Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship

Monday, December 18
10:30 am Quilting Group
6:30 pm Bible Study
(Birth Narratives)
6:30 pm Scouts - Flex Rm
(Christmas Party)

Tuesday, December 19
5:30 pm Mission Fund
Committee
6:00 pm Property
Committee

Wednesday, December 20
5:00 pm Wednesday Night
Together
6:00 pm Bella Voce Choir
7:00 pm Parish Choir

Thursday, December 21
6:00 pm Handbells

Sunday, December 24
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
9:15 am Parish Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
8:30 pm Music
9:00 pm Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY:

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

18-Dec Judy McAnulty
19-Dec Jakob Craver
Heather Hughes
20-Dec Rory Kartheiser
23-Dec Lauren Irvin

PLEASE NOTE:

Offering Envelopes

are available on the table
outside of the Parlor or if you
would like to have mailed to
you - please contact Jill in
church office

jill@sjnc.net 704-786-0166

THANK YOU to all the
Salvation Army bell ringers
for adding a bit of Christmas
cheer to Sam's Club
shoppers and for raising \$
for an organization that
helps the poorest of the
poor.

Wednesday Night

Together

December 20

Pizza and Salad
Drinks and Dessert

Sunday, December 31
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
CHRISTMAS
10 am The Rite of Holy Baptism
Liturgy of Lessons and Carols

Please sign up on pew pads
or contact church office
info@sjnc.net 704-786-0166

SUNDAY MINISTERS

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

Dec 17 Barbara Albright
Dec 24 10 am Margaret Garrison
Dec 24 9 pm Mark Murphy

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Dec 17 Kim Haberman
Dec 24 10 am Mark Murphy
Dec 24 9 pm Elizabeth Hurley

ACOLYTES

Dec 17 Noah Pittard
Dec 24 10 am Logan Whisnant
Dec 24 9 pm Parker Stephens,
Finley Stephens, Jason Pittard,
Noah Pittard

GREETERS

Dec 17 Martha Matthews
Dec 24 Gretchen Walker

VIDEOGRAPHER

Dec 17 Leeann Miller
Dec 24 10 am Debbie Davis
Dec 24 9 pm Ann Blackwelder

DECEMBER USHERS

Wendell Overby, Frank Irvin,
Tony Folino, Nick Lovelace, and
Jason Pittard

FLOWERS

Dec 17 Samantha Hillegass
Dec 24 10 am Jo Eng
Dec 24 9 pm Jo Eng

CHURCH NEWS

Family and Friends



- Steve Conrad, Lauri Lyn Hodges (friends of Al and Dee Pieschel)
- Jerry Kiser (nephew of the Marlows)
- Wade Rouzer and family upon the death of Peggy

<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Peggy-Rouzer/#!/Obituary>

Members of St. James

- Patsy Black
- Tom Grady
- Tom Ridenhour
- Noah Clifton

CHURCH RESOURCES

You can manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions or make a one time contribution and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. In a few

short minutes, you can make a one-time gift or set up a donation that will process automatically on a recurring basis. Recurring donations are convenient and provide our church with much needed consistent support throughout the year.



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