

FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 14, 2025

11:00 A.M.

*Please rise as you are able or in your hearts

**Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

PRELUDE People, Look East (Waldrop) --- Chancel Bells
WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Rejoice in the God who welcomes our questions.

People: We rejoice in the One who meets us in our doubts.

Leader: Rejoice, for Christ brings good news to the weary and the wondering.

People: We rejoice in the One who strengthens our trembling hearts.

Leader: Rejoice with honest faith and open spirits.

People: We rejoice in the One whose truth is gentle and whose love is sure.

ALL: AMEN.

CHORAL RESPONSE

***GATHERING HYMN**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Verses 1,3,5 UMH # 160

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

First Reader: In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God's salvation.

All: We choose to believe that the day is coming when "the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 35:10).

Reader: We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.

LIGHT THREE CANDLES OF THE ADVENT WREATH Kid's Bible Class

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING SUNG RESPONSE

Light the Advent candle, three: Think of heav'nly harmony; angels singing "Peace on earth" at the blessed Savior's birth. Candle, candle burning bright, Shining in the cold winter night. Candle, candle burning bright, Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Breath of Heaven (Eaton/Grant, arr. Larson) -- Chancel Choir

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER CHORUS

Cares Chorus

TFWS # 2215

I cast all my cares upon You, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do, I cast all my cares upon You.

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF PETITION

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN OF PROCLAMATION**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Verses 1 & 3 UMH # 400

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 11:2-11

SERMON

The Waiting Room of God: The Questioners

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY Twas Gold They Offered Him D. Davies

***DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH # 94

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***SENDING HYMN** What Child Is This UMH # 219

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata T. Tobias

ACTIVITIES - DEC. 14 - DEC. 21

Today: Virtual Advent Study 4 P.M.
Contact Cecelia Long, 937 972 7045
or cealong48@gmail.com for ZOOM
information.

Monday, December 15

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, December 17

Pantry Truck Delivery 11:00 A.M.

Please volunteer to help unload & restock.

Renewal Hour 3:30 P.M.

Pantry 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, December 18

Bells 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir 7:15 P.M.

Friday, December 19

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, December 21

Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Kid's Bible Class 11:00 A.M.

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Jerry Gribler

Greeter

Shirley McBride

Trustee

Dave Puderbaugh

Kid's Bible

Class Teacher

Terri Hoernemann

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

- [Isaiah 7:10-16](#)
- [Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19](#)
- [Romans 1:1-7](#)
- [Matthew 1:18-25](#)

VAN DRIVER FOR DECEMBER 21

Van Request: John-- 937-277-6387

To ride the van, you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer ministry after worship each Sunday. For those who have special prayer requests, please see someone from the Prayer Ministry in the Narthex.

KID'S BIBLE CLASS

Our *Kid's Bible Class* is a meaningful time where children ages 1-9 learn to listen, and connect with God, through Bible stories, prayer, and fun activities linked to the lesson. After the lesson, they enjoy play that helps them build friendships, practice sharing, and grow in kindness—all in a safe and loving environment led by a Teacher and Attendant.

Church Staff

Pastor Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL, **Administrative Assistant** Carol McDougale,

Director of Music Michelle Forshaw, **Church Musician** Nancy Collins, **Treasurer** Fred Poland,

Audio Visual Technician Roger Christian, **Church Custodian** Vance Garner,

Kid's Bible Class Attendant Oscar Ndayisaba

2025 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FORM

Fairview Church will again be decorated with poinsettias during the 2025 Advent/Christmas season. We will be using large pots of poinsettias again this year. To participate in this ministry, please return the form below with a check for \$12.00 for each plant ordered, **no later than Monday, December 15.** Poinsettias may be removed from the church on Wednesday, December 24 following Christmas Eve worship. The names of those being remembered, as well as the donors, will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 21.



THE DEADLINE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025

Given by: _____

(Please print)

In Honor of: _____

(Please print)

In Memory of: _____

(Please print)

POINSETTIAS

No. of Plants: _____ Cost \$12.00 each

Total Enclosed: _____

Phone number: _____

Method of Payment

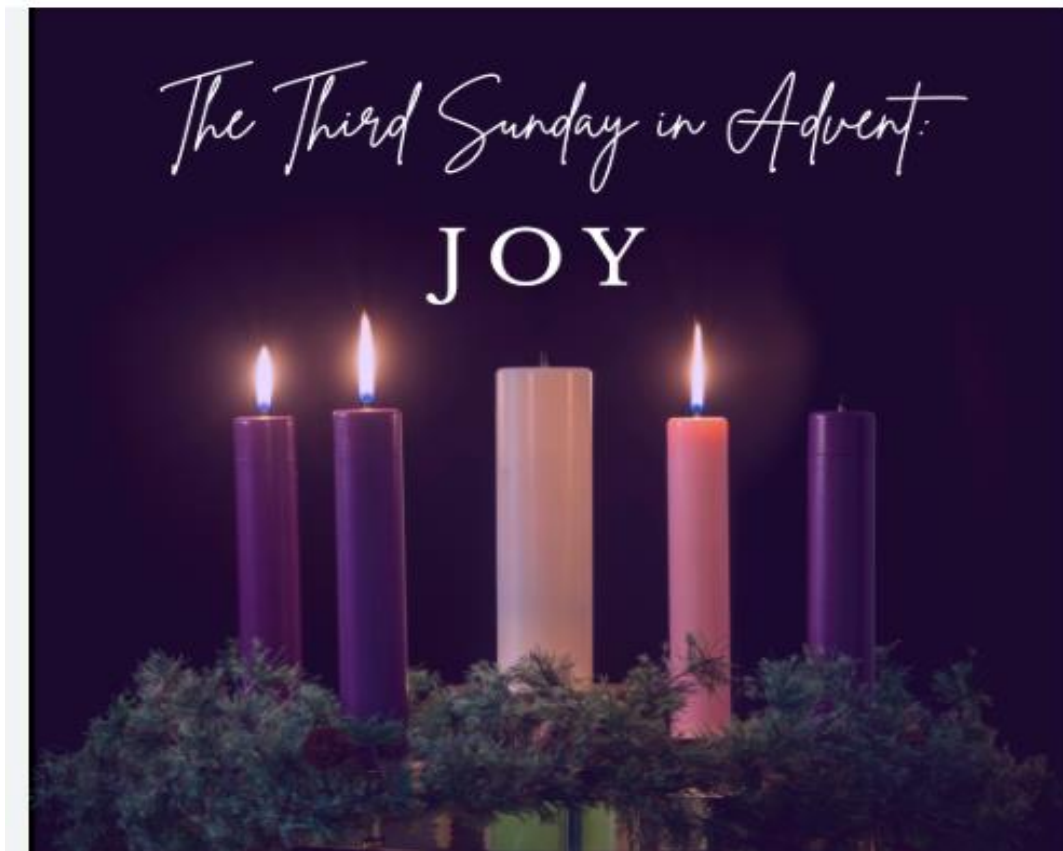
Check No.: _____ Please make checks payable to:

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Memo: Poinsettias 2025



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