

*The Third Sunday in Advent:*

JOY



*Trinity Parish Presbyterian Church*

United in Faith, Building Community

Sunday Worship, 11:00 am

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent:  
Peace Sunday



**Prelude**

**Greetings & Announcements**

-Today's hymns are found in the Red Hymnal

-If you would like to read the Scripture on Communion Sunday's, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the back of the Sanctuary on the bulletin board.

**Words of Welcome**

\*The Congregation will stand as they are able.

**\*Passing The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us remain in our seats as we share signs and words of peace with our neighbors.

**\*Call to Worship**

*Isaiah 35:1-2; Matthew 11:4-5*

What if joy were to break out unrestrained in our world? What would we notice?

**The wilderness and dry land would be glad; the desert rejoice and blossom.**

The blind would see and the lame would walk. Lepers would be cleansed, and the deaf would hear.

**The dead would rise and the poor would receive good news.**

May joy break out in our worship today as we anticipate the One who comes into our world!

**Come thou long expected Jesus!**

**\*Hymn of Welcome #244**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, v.1*

**\*Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy**

**\*Advent Prayer (unison)**

Beloved God, we come now seeking to recognize moments of delight when we feel connected to you. We bring our fragmented hearts filled with good cheer, gentle reverence, and utter amazement; we share our secret hopes, dependable comforts, and cozy moments of Advent peace. Rise up within us as we cherish the divinity of all that is good.

**\*Call to Confession**

*Romans 3:23-24*

### \*Prayer of Confession

Holy and wonderful God, we confess that we have closed our eyes to what you are doing. We prefer to concentrate on problems, bad news and violence. When we do, we miss all the healing, freeing and helping you accomplish in our world. We pass up opportunities to participate in your Good News. We rob ourselves of so much joy. Forgive us and give us eyes to see, ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to treasure your mission in the world. Fill us with unquenchable joy at the coming of Jesus. Amen.

### \*Assurance of Pardon

*Matthew 1:21*

### \*Gloria Patri #579

*Glory Be to the Father*

### \*Passing of the Peace

### \*Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Readings

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

*Matthew 11:2-11*

### Sermon

*“Are You the One?”*

*Rev. Tony DeLucia*

### \*Hymn of Response #259

*Angels, From the Realms of Glory*

### \*Affirmation of Faith

What do you believe?

**In Christ, God gave us a glimpse of the new creation God has already begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the re-newal of all things is under way. We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new.**

### Call for the Offering

### \*Doxology #815

*Doxology*

### \*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We thank you God, for all the ways you work and heal and bless and free us. Accept these gifts given in great gratitude and in anticipation of Christ's return. Multiply them for your glory and for the good of all people. Amen.

### \*Hymn of Sending #269

*How Great Our Joy!*

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

### \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Response to the Benediction #245

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”, v.1*

### \*Postlude

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### December Birthdays

- Dayna & Sydney DeLucia, 12/12
- Kelly McPherson, 12/28

*Let us know when we can celebrate your Birthday/Anniversary with you!!*

### Upcoming Events:

#### Coffee Hour

- December 14, 2025

#### Newell Community Dinner

- December 20, 2025
  - American Legion in Newell
    - *Ham, Cheesy potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, and Desserts*

#### Ugly Christmas Sweater

- December 21, 2025

#### Christmas Eve Service

- December 24, 2025
  - 5pm & 11pm

#### Prayer Tree Offering

- December 28, 2025

#### Communion

- January 4, 2026

#### Bible Study

- January 7, 2026
  - \*Wednesday\*

*If interested in reading Scripture during worship, please let Pastor Tony know!*

### Prayer Requests of the Congregation

- Kim - Fast recovery and healing
- William -Shelly's nephew – military deployment and along with his wife Laura and her pregnancy with their twin boys
- Cindy, Kim's sister - strength, encouragement, and healing
- Dave Grimm - healing and endurance
- Daryl Clark - answers and a sound medical diagnosis
- Fred - going through treatment
- Rev. Matt Camlin - fighting MS
- Zach - prayers that he continues to do well with cancer Tx
- Johnny - diagnosed with terminal illness
- Ashton - 18th birthday - making adult decisions
- Eliana - recovers from heart surgery
- Jimmy - Peggy's son-in-law, continuing prays
- Jackie - Tony's mom's friend, passed away
- Phoenix House - senior living apartment center - explosion and one who passed away from their injuries.
- All affected by the storms of nature and of life, especially by the paths of floods and other natural disasters.

### Wider Church

- The family of Rev. Gene Toot
- Carol - recovering from surgery and chemo
- Cindy - recovering from surgery
- Joe - diagnosed with cancer
- The Chester Fellowship of Churches

