

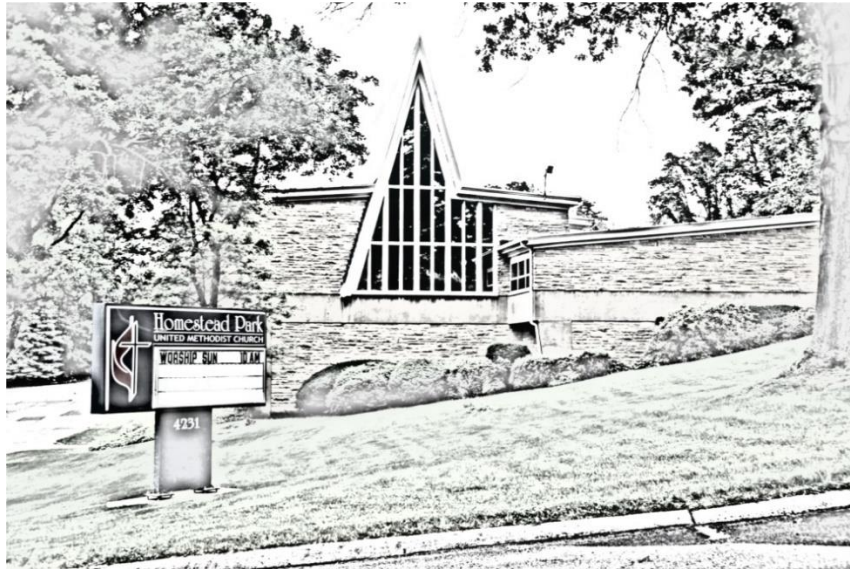


**December 12, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Advent - JOY**

**Message  
The Most Important  
Christmas Fruit!**

**Scripture:  
Titus 3: 3-8 NIV**



*Our Mission*

*The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*

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## Third Sunday of Advent - JOY

### HOMESTEAD PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 12, 2021 10:00 am Worship

Pastor Don Kephart ~ Bo Collins, Music Director

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Opening Prayer (unison)

Oh, beautiful Advent season, how we love thee. This time of waiting and anticipation stirs such hope in our hearts. God, we recognize this season as a gift from you, a reminder of your promised Messiah come to save us. As we enter into worship today, fill us with exceeding great joy. Holy Spirit, guide our words, our songs and our actions. Allow each song that is sung, each Scripture that is read, and each prayer offered to point us to you. We give you this time because it is for you and about you. May your name be made great. Amen.

#### Call to Worship (responsive)

Pastor: Come, joy,

**People: Lighten our spirits.**

Pastor: Come, hope,

**People: Lift us from despair.**

Pastor: Come, peace,

**People: Ease our frantic worry.**

Pastor: Come, love,

**People: Shine in all we do.**

Pastor: Come, Jesus,

**People: Be born in us.**

Pastor: Come, Lord,

**People: Set us free.**

Pastor: Come, God,

**All: Rule in our hearts and teach us to sing with joy!**

#### Songs of Praise

#### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

\* Please stand as you are able.



**Children's Message**

**Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory  
Doxology  
Prayer of Dedication

**Our Time of Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Song of Praise**

**Scripture Titus 3: 3-8 NIV**

3 At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. 8 This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

**Message The Most Important Christmas Fruit!**

Pastor Don Kephart

**Hymn of Dedication**

#219 What Child is This?

**Benediction**

*Worship for today is over, but your service to God for the week is just beginning.*



## Calendar of Events

- Today 10 am Worship Service  
Third Sunday of Advent - JOY
- Tuesday 12/14/21 7 pm Tuesday In the Word "Women in the Bible - The Widow of Zarephath" (Annex Fellowship Room upstairs)
- Thursday 12/16/21 11 am Video and discussion Bible Study **How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth**. This study will meet on the first and third Thursday of the month (Sanctuary)
- Saturday 12/18/21 9:30 am Homeless Lunch Prep



Prayers and thoughts go out to Judy Pomnian. Please send her a card. Her address is in the directory.



New cookbooks produced by the Parkview Towers Activity Committee will be available today after the worship service. The cost is \$10. All proceeds will directly benefit tenant activities and events.



## and Important Dates

- Sunday 12/19/21 Homeless Lunch Delivery
- 12/24/21 7 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### A Note from Pastor Don

Members and Friends, Please contact me directly by cell phone text or email if you need to speak with me. My contact information is located in the bulletin as well as on the business cards in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you.



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### Holy Communion Schedule

Holy Communion will be held on the **first Sunday of February, June, August, October, and December**, as well as on **Maundy Thursday**.