

December 15, 2024 11:15 a.m.  
3rd Sunday in Advent  
Liturgical Color – Purple

## ***People of Joy!***



***Welcome!***

Asbury – St. James United Methodist Church

843-722-2826

Reverend Timothy G. Shaw

Musician: Herb Spear

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**“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”**

**Romans 12:2 ESV**

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**Prelude: “Sing We Now of Christmas”**

**\*Hymn: “Angels We Have Heard on High”**

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**Procession of the Cross, God’s Word, and Light**

**Welcome and Invocation**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath:**

Pat & Susan Bullock and Pam Prestegard

**Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” verses 1, 2, & 3**

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**\*Call to Worship**

**Pastor: Rejoice, for God is here!**

**People: God is our strength and our light.**

**Pastor: Let us give thanks to God.**

**People: We will sing praises for all the earth to hear!**

**\*Psalter: Psalm 100:1-5**

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**\*Gloria Patri**

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**\*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

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*\*Congregation is invited to stand, as able.*

**Men's Ensemble – “Mary Did You Know”**

**Old Testament Reading:** Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6

**New Testament Reading:** Philippians 4:4-7

**Pastoral Intercessory Prayer – Joys & Concerns**

*You may write a prayer request or praise report on the slip located on the pew back. Your request will be picked up.*

**Chancel Choir – “Do You Hear What I Hear”**

Duet Larry & Rachele Bouronich

**Words of Assurance (All)**

**God hears our prayers and offers us forgiveness. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**The Gospel Lesson:** Luke 3:7-18

**The Sermon:** “People of Joy!”

**\*Hymn:** “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

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**\*Commissioning & Blessing**

**\*Postlude:** “What Child is This”

## **Stewardship Report for December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Giving: \$908.00 Giving to-date: \$83,753.33  
Attendance & streaming: 122 Bible Study: 12

## **The PPRC Meets After Worship Today**

All members of the PPRC are requested to stay in the sanctuary for an important meeting immediately following worship today. The meeting will be very brief.

## **Altar Flowers in Memory of Belva Williams**

The altar flowers today are given by Charlie Holder in memory of his grandmother, Belva Williams, who passed away on December 7, 1996.

## **Roses in Memory of Brad Boyd**

The orange roses on the altar table are given in loving memory of our beloved son Brad Boyd who went to his Heavenly Home 9 years ago yesterday, December 14. He is forever in our hearts and is missed so much. Joe & Mary

## **Poinsettia in Memory**

Doris Gowder contributed one of the beautiful red poinsettias in memory of her beloved husband Bill Gowder.

## **Stewardship / Pledge Cards for 2025**

If you weren't yet able to complete a pledge card, there are cards available on the back table, or ask Pastor Tim.

## **In Our Prayers**

Doris Gowder, June Harrell, Dennis Higgs, Alta Kaiser, Trenton Powell, The Walters