

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



December 15, 2024
Advent

Third Sunday of

Welcome and announcements

Prelude: Meditation on "*Veni Emmanuel*" By John Scriveyner
Organist: Anita Chops

*Advent Service

Leader: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Mighty God.

People: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

Leader: We look to the One in whom we find redemption.

People: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

Leader: We look to the One who forgives our sins.

People: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

Leader: We look to the One who overcomes the darkness.

People: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

People: We look to the One who has come to set us free.

Leader: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

*Congregation (sing)

**Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel. God with us, Emmanuel.**

By Joel Raney

*Hymn

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

UMH #224

*Opening Prayer

Eternal Creator, with you each moment of life is full of wonder and surprise. We pray you to make us watchful as we await the coming of Christ. Grant that we may not be found sleeping in sin, but awake and rejoicing in your newness of life. Through the same Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

Margaret Gay MacKinnon Godfrey in *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*, Updated (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2012),⁵

Sharing Concerns & Joys

Pastoral Prayer

The LORD’S PRAYER

UMH#895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music

“PASTORALE”
Organist: Anita Chops

By Frederick Archer
8:30

“CAROL’S AROUND”
Chancel Choir

By Carl J. Nygard, Jr.
11:00

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

“What Gift Can We Bring”

UMH #87 vs. 2

*Prayer of Dedication:

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in peace, and we give in peace. A peace deeper than our anxiety and fear. A peace growing from our trust in your loving power. Receive these generous offerings, and use them to bring your peace to our world. Amen.

spaciousfaith.com/2017/12/01/offertory-prayers-for-advent/

Dismissal for Children’s Church (ages infant—5th grade)

11:00

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn *"In the Bleak Midwinter"* UMH #221 vs. 1, 3, 4

Scripture Luke 3: 7 -18 Doug Whitecotton

Message Doug Whitecotton

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us loving God, for the winding path upon which you have to travel to find us. As we bend to our culture's selfish influences, we lose sight of your intended will for us. We often live by fear rather than by faith because we underestimate your power to heal the parts of us that are broken and correct the parts of us that have drifted from your influence. We confess that we have separated ourselves from you and our spirit, soul, and body. Bring us back to you so that we might respond to your grace by sharing it with others. Give us the courage to give you unhindered access to all of who we are and, in so doing, find ourselves blameless at your coming.

<https://www.moravian.org/2020/12/prayers-for-the-3rd-sunday-of-advent-december-13-19-2020>

Word of Assurance

Words of Assurance Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to them and proclaim that they have suffered long enough, that their penalty is paid, and their sins are forgiven. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

*Hymn *"Joy to the World"* UMH #246

*Sending Forth

Gracious Lord, remind us of your power throughout this Advent season. In times of weakness, remind us that you are the One who gives strength. In times of confusion, remind us that you are the One who reveals truth. In times of doubt, remind us that you are the One who gives hope. We thank you for being our Mighty God. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen

By Joel Raney

Postlude *"Hail To The Lord's Anointed"* by Harry Balcombe
Organist: Anita Chops

*congregational standing, if able.
Bold congregational response.



December Calendar of Events

15th - Blue Christmas - 7:00pm

21st - Live Nativity Scene - 2:00pm—6:00pm

22nd - One Worship Service - 10:00am
Cantata

24th - Christmas Eve Service - 7:00pm

25th - Christmas Day

29th - One Worship Service - 10:00am

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

House of the Carpenter

Collecting in December

Hats
Gloves
Mittens
Scarves

Place your donations in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support, so we can support others.

And as always, we gladly accept non-perishable food items for the Blessing Box all year.

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