

**HEALTH CONCERNS****Members:**

Rita Barger (health issues)  
 Lucy Dillon (health issues)  
 Faye Hodges (chemotherapy treatment)  
 Bernie Krecklow (health issues)  
 Hamp Langdon (health issues)  
 Bob Myers (heart issues)  
 Shirley Smith (broken pelvis)  
 Rodgers White (health issues)  
 Millie Vernon (health issues)

**Friends & Family:**

Bolen Catherine Westmoreland (infection from dog bite); Ann Kirkman (recovering from a stroke); Faye Dean Watson (cancer treatment); Amy Ikerd; Cindy Strickland (diabetes & health issues); Carol Carroll (health issues)

Briggs Rebecca Huminski (daughter—health issues)  
 Myers Keith Downs (Bob's nephew—cancer)

M. Newton Mike Lucire (Marcia's 41 yr. old son-in-law—stroke and Aortic leak)

Nicholson Steve Webb (son of dear friend—pancreatic cancer has returned)

Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—health issues)

Pruitt Julian & Doris Pruitt (Rev. Pruitt's parents—diagnosed with Covid19)

S. Sharp Fran Tilley (airport co-worker—hospitalized recovering from a cancer procedure); Dick Pauley (Ambassador at PTI—ICU with health issues)

Unknown Parma Orlando (COVID19)  
 Amelia Summers (cancer); James Summers (severe abscesses on leg—trying to save leg); Tammy (Amelia's 50 yr. old sister-in-law just diagnosed with cancer in the liver, lung, spine and skull)

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Rosalie Nicholson (completed radiation therapy)

Foster Winnie Theobald (home, continuing to heal. She would like to thank everyone for their prayers)

**SPECIAL CONCERNS**

Bolen Catherine Bolen  
 Foster Lorna Foster (prayers for continued healing)  
 Nicholson Diane Nichols (son's pancreatic cancer has returned)



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December 13, 2020 — Third Sunday of Advent

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY****WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS****PRELUDE**

“IN EST NE”

Robert Lau

**GATHERING****LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

John &amp; Karen Mills

**Leader:** In this season of Advent, we celebrate God's joy.**People:** *Knowing that Christ is coming, to bring healing and wholeness to the world, is a source of genuine delight!***Leader:** When we gather for worship it is a celebration, an opportunity to rejoice in all that God is doing among us and beyond us.**People:** *Our lives are marked by laughter and friendship, as we love our neighbors with wide smiles and open arms.***Leader:** Even when we face difficulty and trouble we sing a song of faith, confident that Jesus is able to redeem our suffering world.**People:** *Together, we are a sign of God's joy for the world.*

(The lighting of the Advent Candle will now take place.)

**Leader:** Let us pray:**People:** *God of transformation, we rejoice that you lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with good things. We marvel at your power to change hearts and lives. Fill us with your Spirit this season so that your Good News is not an old story but a fresh truth lived out every day through the power of Jesus Christ. Amen.***\*HYMN NO. 132**

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

IN DULCI JUBILO

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, we confess that we have not recognized you in our midst nor listened for your voice. Our faith is fragile, and our iniquity goes unrecognized amid our self-concern. We have lived as if we have no need to account for the life we have been given. Our church is focused more on our own survival than on its mission in the world. We come to you today with sincere repentance for our neglect. We have failed to prepare the way for Christ's entry into our everyday environment. Pardon and change us, we pray. Amen.

*(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** God speaks tenderly to us and assures us that our debt has been paid, our sins forgiven, our paths made straight. God's glory is waiting to burst into the midst of all who accept the good news. Surely our salvation is at hand. faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. Friends, believe the good news...

**People:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

### \*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**Leader:** The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

*(Please share a sign of peace with others.)*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

### THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

### SERMON

“Joy”

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Rev. John Pruitt

### SENDING

#### \*HYMN NO. 145

“What Child Is This”

GREENSLEEVES

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles' Creed”

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

J. Wayne Kerr

#### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - Lord's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution  
The Sharing of God's Gifts  
The Communion Prayer

#### \*HYMN NO. 134

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

#### BENEDICTION

“Joy to the World”

Hugo Gehrke

#### POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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