

***The Third Sunday of Advent
Service of Word
December 14, 2025 at 11:00AM***

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“Angels We Have Heard on High” arr. Berry

The Lighting of the Candles

The Opening Prayer

****The Hymn of Praise*** Christmas Carol Request

Sharing Christ’s Love Through Gifts

If you have brought gifts for the toy drive, please bring them to the front of the sanctuary and place them under the tree as we sing.

The Children’s Moments

The Intercessory Prayers

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The 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 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.

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory Christmas Carol Requests

****The Doxology***

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Lighting of the Advent Candle Ray and Lynn Purnell
see insert

****The Prayer for Illumination*** *see insert*

****The Scripture Lesson*** Matthew 11:2-11

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

“Greater than the Greatest?”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

****The Nicene Creed*** No. 880

****The Gloria Patri***

****The Hymn of Invitation*** Christmas Carol Request

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

****The Benediction***

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

****Postlude***

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” arr. Berry

***The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving memory or honor of
those listed in the poinsettia booklet.***

*The new Advent candles are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving memory of
Carlisle Campbell
by his wife, Beverly, their children and their families*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion Offerings – The Communion offerings this month will go toward our Good Samaritan Community Assistance Fund which offers emergency utility assistance to local residents in need. We are in desperate need of funding for this program. You may give funds at any time; just designate them for assistance.

Toy Drive – The toys that are collected today will be donated to 4 County Electric to support their annual toy drive. Thank you for your willingness to spread some joy and to help those in need during the holiday season.

Adopt-a-Family – We still need volunteers to wrap and deliver for our annual Adopt-a-Family mission project. Donations to this important ministry are also needed. We want to thank Bob Seitz who is overseeing this outreach again this year.

Monday, December 15th, 9:00 a.m. – wrap gifts

Friday, December 19th, 9:00 a.m. – deliver gifts

Choir Christmas Program – The choir Christmas program will be today, December 14th, at 2:00 pm. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the program. Everyone is invited to attend.

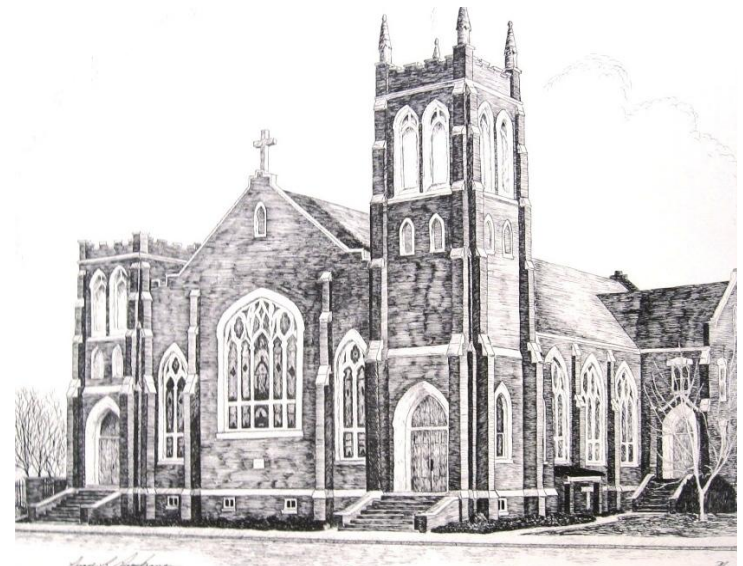
Christmas Candlelight Service – The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 24th. Join us for this beautiful service and Holy Communion.

Christmas Office Closure – The church office will be closed to the public beginning Wednesday, December 24, 2024, until Monday, January 5, 2026, for the Christmas holidays.

End of the Year Monetary Gifts – If you would like to make donations to the church while the offices are closed, you may send them by mail or contact Julie Gray if you would rather hand deliver them.

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***Rev. Chad Bowen, Pastor
Rachel Wood, Music Ministries
Stacy Hays, Family Ministries
Kindal Gammill, Pianist***