

**Offertory***Wexford Carol**Arr: Terry Osman*

With thankful heart and Joyful mind,  
The shepherds went the babe to find.  
And as God's angels has foretold,  
They our savior Christ behold,  
Within a manger he was laid,  
And by his side the virgin maid  
Attending to the Lord of Life,  
Who came to earth to end all strife.

**\*Doxology**

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*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****\*Hymn of Dedication***The First Nowell*

#56 (v6)

**\*Benediction****Postlude**

*Little Drummer Boy* Arr: Mark Hayes  
Allen Evans on drums

# Third Sunday Of Advent

December 14, 2025

9:30 am

## Gathering Music

## Welcome & Announcements

## Prayer of the Day

## Remembering our Baptism

Remember your baptism **and be thankful.**

**Prelude**      *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine* Arr:      Hayes/Wagner

## \*Call to Worship: Lighting the Third Candle of Advent

Wendi and Jeff Stein

Every year we light candles as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

More and more candles, more and more light,

as we watch and wait for Jesus, the Light of the World.

**God of Promise, come into our darkness.**

**Renew your hope, your peace, and your joy in us,  
for you alone bring life out of death.**

Receive God's promise of joy from Psalm 28:

Praise be to the LORD

For he has heard my cry for mercy

The LORD is my strength and my shield

**My heart trusts in him, and I am helped**

**My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**      *The King of Glory Comes* STF2091

## Prayer of Joy

**Lord, grant us joy in our relationship with you, our neighbor, and all creation. We often become disappointed because things don't turn out the way we hoped. We sometimes expect the holiday season to satisfy us rather than lean on your love alone. Though there are many broken hearts during this season and across the world, help us to experience your true joy that no one can take away from us. Illumine in us a child-like faith in anticipation of Christ's birth. When**

**days seem long and our hearts feel sad or distant, kindle in us a joyful gratitude of what you have given us and a joyful hope of what is to come. Amen.**

**Prayer Song**      *Come, Messiah King*

*Come, O come Messiah, King;*

*Promised Son, sent to redeem*

*Us one by one; So we may tell*

*The wonders of Your matchless love, Emmanuel.*

## Silent Reflection and Confession

## \*Proclamation of the Gospel

## \*Passing the Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another and share the joy we have found in God with our neighbor. The joy of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another in the name of our Emmanuel.

## \*The Gloria Patri

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.*

*Amen. Amen. Amen.*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD... Spontaneous Christmas Pageant

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*      #44 (vs. 1&2)

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*      #29 (vs. 1&2)

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*      #31 (vs. 1&2)

*Away in a Manger*      #25 (vs. 1&2)

*We Three Kings*      #66 (vs. 1&5)

*The First Nowell*      #56 (vs. 1-5)

## Prayers of the Community and Lord's Prayer

## Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

## Remembering in Prayer

**Praise and Thanksgiving:** *(Lord, hear our praise):* The Christmas Story told anew each year through children

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**Homebound:** Ernie, Wayne, Connie S, Shirley

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**For Our Nation:** Those who don't know the Christmas story. May we have the courage to invite others into knowing Christ and his community.

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whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the  
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Psalm 146:5-7*

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