

Third Sunday of Advent, 2025

WELCOME & PRAYER Pastor Rachel

GATHERING MUSIC Carrie Harris

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Inspired by Psalm 146:5-10

Leader: In this season of waiting, we remember that joy doesn't come from what we feel—it comes from who God is.

People: Our joy comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth and who keeps faith forever.

Leader: When the world feels loud, when the path feels uncertain, God is still at work—lifting the weary and the imprisoned, and bringing justice to the oppressed.

People: We rejoice because the Lord reigns forever, and we light this candle of joy remembering what God has done and what God will do.

*OPENING PRAISE Congregation

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

*ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Jim Aldrich

SHARING THE PEACE

"Away in a Manger"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Sara Harris

*SONG OF WORSHIP Congregation

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor Rachel

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

"O Holy Night"

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SCRIPTURE LESSONS Jim Aldrich

Isaiah 35:3-6 & Matthew 11:2-6, CEB

GOOD NEWS Pastor Rachel

"Our Evidence"

*SONG OF RESPONSE Congregation

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

DISMISSAL & BLESSING Pastor Rachel

*SENDING FORTH Praise Team

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"

Praying Together

Diane Aldrich	Bill Lucas
Doris Ellison	Money McGee
Machelle Goff	Amanda McCormack
Mary Gordon	Lisa Messersmith
Heckerson Family	Rosemary Messersmith
Glenda & Jim Kirk	Julia Richards
Albert Kossler	Stokes Family
	Stanley & Dorothy Williams

News & Ministry Opportunities

Holiday Schedule Update

- Food Pantry: Open Mon, Dec 23; closed Dec 24–Jan 5. Reopens Mon, Jan 6.
- Blessings to Go: Not serving Christmas Day or New Year's Day.
- Sunday Community Meal: Will continue every Sunday at 4p throughout the holiday season.
- Office: Closed Dec 24–Jan 2, with Pastor Rachel available if any needs arise during this time.

Christmas Eve Service – 12/24 @ 4p

Step into the wonder of Christmas as we gather for a beautiful evening of worship, music, and candlelight. Together we'll celebrate the birth of Jesus – the Light who shines in the darkness – and welcome the hope, peace, joy, and love He brings to the world. All are invited to share in this holy night that makes Christmas truly *Christmas*.

Let's Go Caroling! 5:30p, Wednesday, December 17

Join us as we take Christmas cheer into the community! We'll gather at the church at 5:30p for a quick warm-up, then head out to share the joy of Christ through song with residents in several Rogers nursing homes who aren't able to get out this season. When we return, we'll finish the evening with cookies and fellowship at the church. All ages are welcome to take part in this meaningful outreach.

Please Turn in Christmas Angels by 12/21

Thank you for the amazing outpouring of love for the Christmas Angels! Just a reminder to turn any angel gifts in to Pastor Rachel by 12/21. You may also leave with Sara or Megan. Financial gifts may also be slipped into lockbox at the Information Station. Again, thank you for blessing these families this Christmas!!

Weekly Calendar at a Glance

Sun.	9a	Connection Classes
	10a	Worship
	4p	Community Meal Drive-thru
Mon.		
Tues.	9-11:45a	Food Pantry
Wed.	9a-2p	Caring Friends
	5:30p	Christmas Caroling
Thurs.	9-11:45a	Food Pantry
	6p	Blessings to Go
Fri.		
Sat.		



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