



West Grove United Methodist Church

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The Reverend Monica B. Guepet
300 North Guernsey Road
West Grove, PA 19390



Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2015

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Third Sunday in Advent

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.

First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!

*Call to Worship

Tom Hoover

One: Sing for joy, children of God! Shout aloud, for God is our salvation!

Many: We will believe the good news that God is in our midst.

One: Sing of faith, children of God! Shout aloud, for God is our hope!

Many: We will live the good news that God removes all our fears

One: Sing of grace, children of God! Shout aloud, for God is our compassion!

Many: We will share God's love and hope with those who need good news in their lives.

*Processional Hymn

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

UMH, No. 234, Vss. 1,2,3, 5

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Tom Hoover

O God, we are challenged to be patient during these days of Advent. Yet we find ourselves growing less patient as we wait in slow retail lines, manage our overfilled calendars, wrap gifts, do online shopping with buffering, and home decorating into late-night hours. Patience is fleeting. In this worshipful moment, strengthen our hearts, center our minds, and quiet our bodies, for your coming is near. We pray as your beloved ones, Amen.

*Passing of the peace

Tom Hoover

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jones Family

Advent Wreath Litany

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Advent Song

"Lift Up Your Eyes"

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

Old Testament Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Tom Hoover

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:7-18

Tom Hoover

*Response to the Lesson

Tom Hoover

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“Rejoice All Ye Daughters”

Chancel Choir

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children’s Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #9.

Sermon

“With Spirit and Fire”

Pastor Monica

SERVE

***Hymn of Response**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

UMH, No. 230

Moment of Impact

Chuck Knows Church

Pastor Monica

Offering

***Offertory Response**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymn No. 95
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.

***Offertory Prayer (Unison)**

Generous God, we thank you for bringing us to this season of faith, hope, and love. As we look at our lives, we see evidence of the countless ways that you have provided for our needs. Let gratitude well up in our hearts and overflow in generosity to others. Draw us outward to see ways that we can joyfully share what you have given. Let our acts of kindness as a church bear good fruit in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathered Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

UMH, No. 220

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction**

“A Christmas Blessing”

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

** = Please stand as you are able* **Bold Print = Say in unison**



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our Altar today are
In celebration of Karen Underwood’s birthday
With love from her friends Kim, Gail, Linda S. and Linda P.



Old Testament Lesson: *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

A Song of Joy

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise

and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 3:7-18*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

OPEN ~ GROW ~ SERVE

At West Grove UMC, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in His name.

Welcome to worship on the Third Sunday of Advent, as we prepare for Jesus' coming . If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing the Friendship pad. Our Welcome Center, located in the lobby, is a place where guests and new attendees can seek information about our church.

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Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

***Please remember to mute your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.***

**ADVENT BULLETIN COVER:** A big thank you to our talented cover artist, Mya Ditzel! She lovingly designed our 2015 Advent Bulletin Cover, and we are thankful for this gift!

**DO YOU HAVE FAITH? FAITH cards (like BINGO) are available during the service.** Mark off your spaces by coloring them in. When you get "FAITH", shout it out f (making a witness!). At the end of the service, come see Pastor Monica for a surprise!

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** There are many who give electronically at West Grove UMC. An "Electronic Giving Card" is available to those who desire to have a symbolic gift for the offering plate. **If you would like to learn more about giving electronically, please take a brochure in the Lobby, or see our Church Administrator, Donna Fackler.**

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is Hosted by YOU, The Congregation, on Sunday, December 20 after both services. Please bring your favorite Christmas Cookies to share at our fellowship time!** Due to the increase in food allergies among the general population, as well as our own congregants, we request that any items brought for the fellowship hour have a note attached if there are nuts in them (including coconuts). Thank you.

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: Classes begin Tuesdays, January 19 through March 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** What is Financial Peace University? We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! FPU classes meet for around an hour and a half each week for nine weeks. Please use this link to sign up: <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1009967>

**BALDWIN UMC** in Elk Mills Maryland, was consumed by fire on Sunday, December 6th. If you wish to give a love offering to help them rebuild, please mark it on your giving envelope or place in the basket in the Narthex Lobby area.

**IMAGINE NO MALARIA:** Our red collection boxes are in the narthex for you to bless those in need. Please collect your change, dollars, and checks. Bring them in by December 24th, Christmas Eve. Thank you.

## ***Litany for the Third Sunday in Advent The Light of Love***

Reader: In a world torn asunder by violence, Jesus says, "No more."

**All: "As it is written, a new command I give, 'Love one another as I have loved you'."**

Reader: In a world where hurting people are too often neglected, Jesus says, "No more."

**All: "As it is written, a new command I give, 'Love one another as I have loved you'."**

Reader: In a world where another's needs are too often overlooked, Jesus says, "No more."

**All: "As it is written, a new command I give, 'Love one another as I have loved you'."**

**Candle Lighting:** This morning we light three candles. In a world where darkness abounds, the light of the first candle radiates the hope of God's unfailing promise. As we light the second candle, we long for God's perfect peace to calm our souls and end our wars. As we light the third candle, we seek to share with others the love God has shown us through the gift of Jesus Christ.



**Saturday, December 19th – Live Nativity from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Monday, December 21st – Blue Christmas Service at 7:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve**

**12:00 pm Wiggly, Giggly Children's Christmas Eve Service**

**6:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service with Pickup Pageant and Memory Bells**

**7:15 p.m. Christmas Eve at Jenner's Pond**

**8:30 p.m. Contemporary Christmas Eve Service**



**Join us for  
Wednesdays Night Fun  
in Advent**

**December 16 and December 23rd ~From 6-8 p.m.**

We will have pot-luck style dinner. If you are able, you are invited to bring a dish to share. If you can't, no worries, come anyway! It is a potluck and there is always plenty to be shared!

We will provide plates, utensils, drinks, and desserts.

**Come one week, come all of the weeks!**

**Bring the family, bring the kids, invite your friends and neighbors!**

**THE GIVING TREE:** Please visit our **Christmas Gift Tree** in the Narthex. On the tree, there are gift tags for families and individuals from our community in need. Please prayerfully consider taking a tag and helping someone in need over this Christmas season. **Wrapped gifts need to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 20.**

**BACKGROUND & EVENTS OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS:** West Grove UMC Bible Study, Mondays, Dec. 14, 21, 7:00 – 8:30 PM Conference Room #1, by Rev. Jim Mundell

**Congregational Christmas Tree:** Once again, we will hang personalized family and/or individual ornaments on our Congregational Christmas Tree to be enjoyed by all in the church lobby. The ornament should bear either your family name, picture, or something symbolic to your family and can be homemade or purchased. Please feel free to bring in your ornaments and hang them on the tree during any of our Advent Worship Services. You may also update the ornament you hung on the tree in years past. Leave the old one or take it with you.

**PARENTS AFTERNOON OUT “Today!!” – Make a reservation and go to dinner (or Christmas shop) without kids!** Enjoy an afternoon on your own! We will watch your kids for you, and you can go on a date, Christmas shopping, wrap presents, the grocery store or take a nap! Here’s the details!

**When:** Sunday, December 13 from 3:00—6:00 pm

**Where:** At WGUMC

**Cost:** a suggested donation of \$10 per child

*Any money that is donated towards this event will be used to help offset the cost of the 2016 youth summer mission trip*

**What:** We will feed the kids pizza, do some crafts, play games and watch a movie. Your kids will be safe and have fun, and you get to enjoy time away and relax for 3 hours!  
**Contact** Jamie Lindtner: [jamie.lindtner@westgroveumc.org](mailto:jamie.lindtner@westgroveumc.org)

***Commitment cards are available in the Lobby.***

***Please offer your commitments of giving through the offering time.***

## **God’s Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

### **Report for December 6, 2015**

**General Offering: \$6,425.00**

**Building Maintenance Fund:**  
**\$1,810.00**

**Worship Attendance: 178**

**Emergency Groceries Bags**

**Distributed YTD: 117**

**Emergency Aid disbursed YTD: \$1,753.80**

**Thanksgiving Offering: \$987.00**

**Community Thanksgiving Offering:**  
**\$381.75**

***It is your tithes, offerings, and  
gifts that impact  
and change lives for Christ!***

## **Moment of Impact**

Chuck Knows Church is an initiative of the church to educate, humor, and encourage people about the life of the United Methodist Church. All funding for Chuck Knows Church videos is provided by Discipleship Ministries, an international agency of The United Methodist Church. If you are a United Methodist, your generous support of The World Service Fund helps support Chuck Knows Church.



# Advent Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, December 13 ~ Saturday, December 19



Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio. (1571-1610) Caravaggio: John the Baptist, 1604

**SUNDAY: Scripture:** “Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.” Luke 3:8

**Devotion:** God calls each us to prepare for the coming of Christ by living lives of emulating Christ. It is easy for us to say, I go to church; I help when someone asks me; I am nice. And yet, God calls us to live more fully into the fruitfulness of being a disciples of Jesus. For today, do not rest on your laurels; instead, spend time asking God how you can live as a disciple.

**Prayer:** *Gracious God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for Jesus. Help us also to prepare our lives for the coming of Jesus. Find our eyes on you and the ways your love is lived out. Amen.*



**MONDAY: Scripture:** “In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ “ Luke 3: 11

**Devotion:** The Gospel calls us to living love, not just feeling it. Favorite’s depiction of Mary in exploration and wonder might be in reaction to ways she experienced others’ actions living love. How will you be caught during this season living love to those who would be surprised to receive it?

**Prayer:** *Surprising God, let us look on the world as you do. Open our eyes to bless those in need and to live love with all, Amen.*

Malaika Favorite (modern)  
Exploration and Wonder, 2007



**TUESDAY: Scripture:** “John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. “ Luke 3: 16

**Devotion:** Baptism is our consecration of being set aside for the holy purposes to which God calls us. Baptism is a grace that God offers us. How is God calling you to live out holy purposes in your life?

**Prayer:** *Come, Holy Spirit, our hearts inspire. Come and direct us to your work, Amen.*

John Baptizes Jesus





**WEDNESDAY: Scripture:** *“On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.” Zephaniah 3:16*

**Devotion:** The carols and Christmas songs have sung around us and filling the spaces with cheer. DO you find yourself singing along in eager anticipation or wearied from over-exposure? Find moments today to hear anew the words of hope for the coming of our Savior.

Gerrit van Honthorst (1590-1656),  
Old Woman Singing, 1620

**Prayer:** *Glorious God, tune our hearts to sing your praises. Open our minds to your teachings in the words. Open ears to tunes of praise. In your name, Amen.*



Brian Kershishnik (modern)

**THURSDAY: Scripture:** *“The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.” Zephaniah 3:17*

**Devotion:** God is always on the side of the downtrodden, the poor, the oppressed, and those most in need. In the Gospels, the prophets, and throughout the scripture, God speaks on behalf of those who need God's justice most. How are you on the side of those

in need?

**Prayer:** *God of the lowly, we praise you that your ways are not the ways of the world, but are ways of ultimate justice. Tune our hearts to your ways, Amen.*



Nativity, 2012, PaintWine Studio

**FRIDAY: Scripture:** *“At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.” Zephaniah 3:20*

**Devotion:** This artist captures that brilliance of the home where God gathers us with the star-shine and angels. God's glory is often described as the brilliance of light. Look today for signs of God's coming around us in the light and brilliance breaking through in our world.

**Prayer:** *Emmanuel, gather us near to you; restore our fortunes; let your name be praised through all the earth. Come Lord Jesus, Come, Amen.*



Jim Janknegt (modern) Joyful  
Mystery #2: Visitation

**SATURDAY: Scripture:** *“When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit” Luke 1:41*

**Devotion:** There have always been people who know and live joy so deeply that they even bring it out in us. Elizabeth's physical response to Mary was to be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. During this time of preparing for the coming of Christ, find people who bring out joy in you. Spend time with them and call on the Holy Spirit to move among you.

**Prayer:** *God of joy, you have gifted us with the presence of others. We do not walk this journey alone.*

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~

**Sunday:**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**Thru 7 a.m..**

8:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

**3:00 p.m. —6:00 p.m.**

**Family Promise (CE Wing)**

Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band

Christian Education for All Ages

Children's Choir Rehearsal (#5)

Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir

**Parent's Afternoon Out (Sanc. , 8, 10)**

**Monday:**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

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6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**

CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)

Knit Wits (#1)

S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)

Jr. Girl Scout Troop #453 (#14)

Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)

Jr. Girl Scout Troop #41377 (#8, 10)

**"The Birth of Christ" Advent Bible Study (#1)**

**Tuesday:**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)

Brownie Troop 447 (#8, 10)

Finance Meeting (#1)

Yoga-Sanc.

Ad Council (#1)

**Wednesday:**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

**6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)

Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)

**Wednesday Fun in Advent (Sanc.)**

Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)

**Thursday:**

9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO "Happy Birthday Jesus" Celebration (Sanc.)**

6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)

Daisy Troop #4567 (#8, 10)

Jr. Girl Scout Troop 04317 (#14)

Choir Rehearsal (#6)

Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 10)

PraiseWorks Rehearsal

**Friday:**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO "Happy Birthday Jesus" Celebration (Sanc.)**

**Saturday:**

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**6:00 p.m. –8:00 p.m.**

Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

**Live Nativity**

**Sunday:**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
COFFE FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**

**Children's Choir Sings**

8:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band

Christian Education for All Ages

Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir and  
Memory Bells Choir

Youth Christmas Party (Lindtner Home)

Mission Possible Youth Group

# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

**Would you like to add someone to the Prayer Chain?** Weekdays, please contact **Donna Fackler** at the church office: [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) or 610-869-9334. After office hours and on week-ends, please contact **Sara Ann Ramberger** at [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto:sar57ver@verizon.net) or 610-869-3863. All prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for **four Sundays**. If you would like to have the prayer concern extended, **please update your request with Donna**. Thank you.

## Community Prayer Focus in December: Emergency Food Pantry Mission Prayer Focus in December: UMCOR

Simon Alexander (Guepet)  
Kory Arnold  
Cheryl (Haley)  
Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
Fran Bryan  
Helen Chreiman (Hoover)1  
Jeanette Christman (Deckard)  
Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
Bradley Dunn  
Tom Fagan  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Marcus Forst (Howard)  
Family of Lee Hunt (Curtiss)  
Bill Jones  
Family of Marie Kent (Bratton)  
Family of Richard Kreutzfeldt  
Family of Amy Langel (B. Smith)  
Bill Lilley  
Richard Lukesh (Mullen)  
Pam McClain  
Margee Michaels  
Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
Tim Mullen



Kylie Myer (Hughes)  
Kathie Myhre (Miller)  
Ed O'Brien  
Family of Mabel Owsley (Bratton)  
James Pollard (Yarbrough)  
Tammy Ramberger  
Vernon Ramberger  
Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
Dot Russell  
Roann Schneider  
Doug and Joan Smead (Wolff)  
Lorrie Steele  
Glenn Stern (Heist)  
Reinhard Streibel (Mullen)  
Jeanette Stryjewski  
Stuhrke  
Fernando & Jonathan Tena  
Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
Dot Weeks  
Jeff Whelan  
Megan Wittman (Lytle)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)  
Allan Frost - South Korea (Frost)  
Brian Kubo - Maryland (Edel Mullen)  
LTC Eric Maxwell, Colorado Springs, CO (The Rambergers)  
Tom Peirson & Troop - Afghanistan (Simonds)  
Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC  
Jimmy Strawhecker - Glen Burnie, MD (Lynne Strawhecker)  
Chris Weidman - Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV (Fran Miller)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

**Ushers—8:30**

**Ushers—11**

**Greeters—8:30**

**Greeters—11**

**Acolyte 8:30/11**

**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11**

**C. Worship—8:30/11**

**Lay Reader—8:30**

**Liturgist—11:00**

**Moment All Ages**

**Hospitality 8:30/11**

**Counters**

**Sound Booth**

### **This Sunday, December 13**

John and Judy Gambill

**OPEN**

The Simonds Family

**OPEN**

Jonathan LeStourgeon / Ava Tolmie

H. McCummings/K. Smith/J. Leaman

Amy Simonds / Joan Leaman

Judy Gambill

Tom Hoover

Pastor Monica

Steve May / Dick & Caryl Stuhrke

Dave Talley and Denise Byers

Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, December 20**

Tim and Eileen Bushnell

**OPEN**

John and Carol McGinley

**OPEN**

Sydney Simonds / Sarah Reynolds

C. Bruno/R. Catoia/A. Castaldi

**OPEN / OPEN**

John McGinley

Janis Schrader

Joan Leaman

Covington Family / Scott Steele

Vernon and Sara Ann Ramberger

Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## Third Sunday of Advent

### Open

**\*Opening Song** "O Come All Ye Faithful" PraiseWorks Band

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities** Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.  
First-time visitor or member, let us know you were here!*

**\*Celebration Set** "Emmanuel Has Come"  
"Hungry" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Passing of the Peace**

### Grow

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** David and Barbara Delaney

**Advent Wreath Litany** Page 6

**Advent Song** "Lift Up Your Eyes"

**Moment For All Ages** Pastor Monica

**Old Testament Lesson** *Zephaniah 3:14-20* Judy Gambill

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Luke 3:7-18* Judy Gambill

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children's Worship.  
Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #9.

**Sermon** "With Spirit and Fire" Pastor Monica

### Serve

**Moment of Impact** *Chuck Knows Church*

**Offering** "I Will Never Be" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)**

**Gathered Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Song** "Glory To God Forever" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

**\* Please stand as you are able**