



Immanuel United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

ENTER TO WORSHIP

Enter the Sanctuary quietly and reverently, respecting the meditation of others, and opening to the presence of God.

Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ

(The entrance of the Light into worship represents the Light of Christ among us)

Greeting

Ministry Updates

Children's Missions Collection & Children's Time

Advent Reading and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship: O Little Town of Bethlehem

*Hymn: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (vs. 1, 4)

#218

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

#881

*Gloria Patri

#70

WE CONVERSE WITH GOD

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

WE GIVE TO GOD

God's Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

#95

Anthem: *Special Music by Ron Lawson*

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

pew bible pg. 783

Sermon: "Love Breaks In"

Holy Communion

#12

*Hymn: The First Noel (vs. 1, 2)

#245

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

(The Light of Christ goes out into the world)

POSTLUDE

DEPART TO SERVE

*denotes standing as you are able

MINISTRY UPDATES



WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

We hope that you receive a blessing from the service and that you will join us again soon. If you are visiting, please fill out a Visitor's Card and place it in the offering plate.



OUR RECORD OF STEWARDSHIP 12/7/2025:

Sunday School Attendance: 8

Worship Service Attendance: 21

Offering Last Sunday: \$660.00

*needed per week: \$1,427.35

"Freely you have received, freely give."

Matthew 10:8

Thank you for your continued support to your church!

(Family Life Center Building Fund to date: \$26,235.67)

ADVENT READING:

First Reader: In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God's salvation.

ALL: We choose to believe that the day is coming when "the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 35:10).

Second Reader: We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together. *Light the third candle of the Advent wreath.*



Question of the Day:
"Where in your life do you need to remember that God is truly 'with us' today?"

➤ **Next Sunday, Dec 21:**

~ ~ Mark your calendars! ~ ~

- Christmas Cantata at Duncan UMC at 10:30am. Fellowship meal to follow
- The Longest Night Service at Immanuel UMC at 6pm

➤ **Tue, Dec. 23: Christmas Eve, Eve Candlelight Svc at Immanuel, 6:30pm**

➤ **Wed, Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service at Duncan UMC at 4pm**

Visit us on the web at immanuelumc.com!

Immanuel UMC's mission statement:

*"By God's GRACE and the
GUIDANCE of the Holy Spirit*

we PURSUE Christ to become and make disciples for the transformation of the world."

grace guidance pursue

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Alston
Ruby Bailey
Alison Bennett
Amanda Bevis
Pat Brown
Ann Burnett
David Collins
Scott & Bridget Diaz
Alan Dickson
Margaret Dixon
Rhonda Egert
Monty Ennis
Kelly Everett
Joyce Ann Ford

Jase Fortenberry
Linda Fuller
Lois Gergen
Teresa Greene
Corey Gwinn
Whitey Gene Hall
Cathy Hedrick
Don Henson
Carol Hooks
Mabel Howard
Jonathan Ingram
Jeff Keeling
George Laden
Allen Lawson

Marsha Lawson
Ron Lawson
Jessica Owens
Melvin Pittman
Richard Pittman
Melinda Rittenhouse
Helen Sizemore
Staci Sizemore & Family
Jimmy Sullivan
Mrs. Sumerel
Liz Welsh
Christy Wheeler
Sharon Wilborn

United Women in Faith have discounted prices on their sale items: only \$1 for pens & \$2 for cookbooks! They make great gifts & you can't beat the price!

Please see Debra Watson.



Christmas Card Exchange!
There is a mail slot box in the Narthex for Christmas cards to and from your church family!

Choir Practice is on Mondays at 6pm **at Duncan UMC** through Christmas.



WAM (Wellford Academy Ministries): If you have been assigned a Prayer Partner, be reminded to pray for them daily. Please see Anna Reese if you have any questions!

GATHER & GROW!

Tyger River Charge, please join us at Duncan UMC on Wednesday nights at 5:30pm for a free community meal and fellowship, followed at 6:15pm by small groups for children, youth, & adults!



The Handbell Choir will practice on Fridays at 5:30pm at Duncan UMC!



Ministry Opportunity: Story Time! Please see Pastor Mike if you'd like to record a video of you reading a favorite children's story to share with our church families' children!



Sunday School 10:30am
Sunday Worship Service 11:30am

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