

~ Welcome ~

December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30am

WE GATHER

Prelude "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming"
Welcome & Announcements
*Greeting

WE PRAISE

*Opening Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH No. 203

*Call to Worship

Leader: A voice calls out in the wilderness.

People: It sings of a home for all. It speaks of justice and peace.

Leader: We could choose to ignore it.

People: We could drown out that song. We could choose not to listen.

Leader: Instead, we come into this space.

People: We let the world grow quiet. We listen.

Leader: A voice calls out in the wilderness. Do you hear it?

People: We hear it. In listening, we worship.

Leader: Let us draw near to God.

*Morning Prayer

God of open doors and porch lights, of welcome mats and candles in the window - we can't thank you enough for your open door policy. You are forever welcoming us home. You welcome all of us, just as we are. Thank you for the voice in the wilderness, your radical welcome and unchanging love. Today, God, we give extra gratitude for the people and places that are home to us, but we also pray for those without a home. Amen.

Lighting of Advent Wreath Joy Falconer Family
A Candle is burning, a candle of joy,
a candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our Hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

Song of Praise "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Duet by: Dave & Jane Piehl

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children's Time "The Gift of Love" Millie Frambaugh
At the conclusion of Children's Time all children age 4 through 5th grades are invited to go with the teachers for Sunday School. Nursery care for younger children is also available.

Prayers of the People

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning; is now and ever shall be:

World without end! Amen, Amen!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20 p. 868
Philippians 4:4-7 p. 1086
Luke 3:1-18 p. 946

Nancy Vogel

Message

"A Home for All"

Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Moment of Reflection

Offering

WE GO FORTH

*Closing Hymn

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

UMH No. 224

*Benediction

*Postlude

"I'll Be Home for Christmas"
By: Walter Kent

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh
Nancy Vogel

Pastor
Music Director
Lay Speaker

This Week

Sun	3p	Blue Christmas Service Poinsettia order deadline
Tues	7p	Study <i>Home For Christmas</i>
Weds	10a	Study <i>The Heart That Grew 3 Sizes</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Advent Study, *Home For Christmas*, will begin Nov. 30 at 7pm in the Conference Room. A second Advent Study, *The Heart that Grew 3 Times* will be held Wednesdays at 10am beginning Dec. 1 in the Conference Room.

Cookies will be sold after church today. They are \$10.00/ lb.

Dec. 19 at 3pm we will go Christmas Caroling! Bring a Friend!

The Blue Christmas Service will be Dec. 12 at 3pm

Deadline for returning Adopt a family gifts is Dec. 19. Remember to please return unwrapped. Donations of wrapping paper are accepted.

Christmas Eve Service will be Dec. 24 at 7pm

Welcome to Sharon Center United Methodist Church!

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here! Please make sure to sign the attendance pad as it is passed during the service and let us know your contact information. We welcome all to our Worship Service and our Communion Table is open to everyone. Please join us in our activities and gatherings and if you have a question, just ask, and come back again soon!

At Sharon Center UMC we are committed to building relationships with Jesus Christ. For families of all ages, this is a great community to join as you grow in your relationship with God and with others.

Cover Text: Philippians 4:4

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Readings for the Third Sunday in Advent, December 16, 2018: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

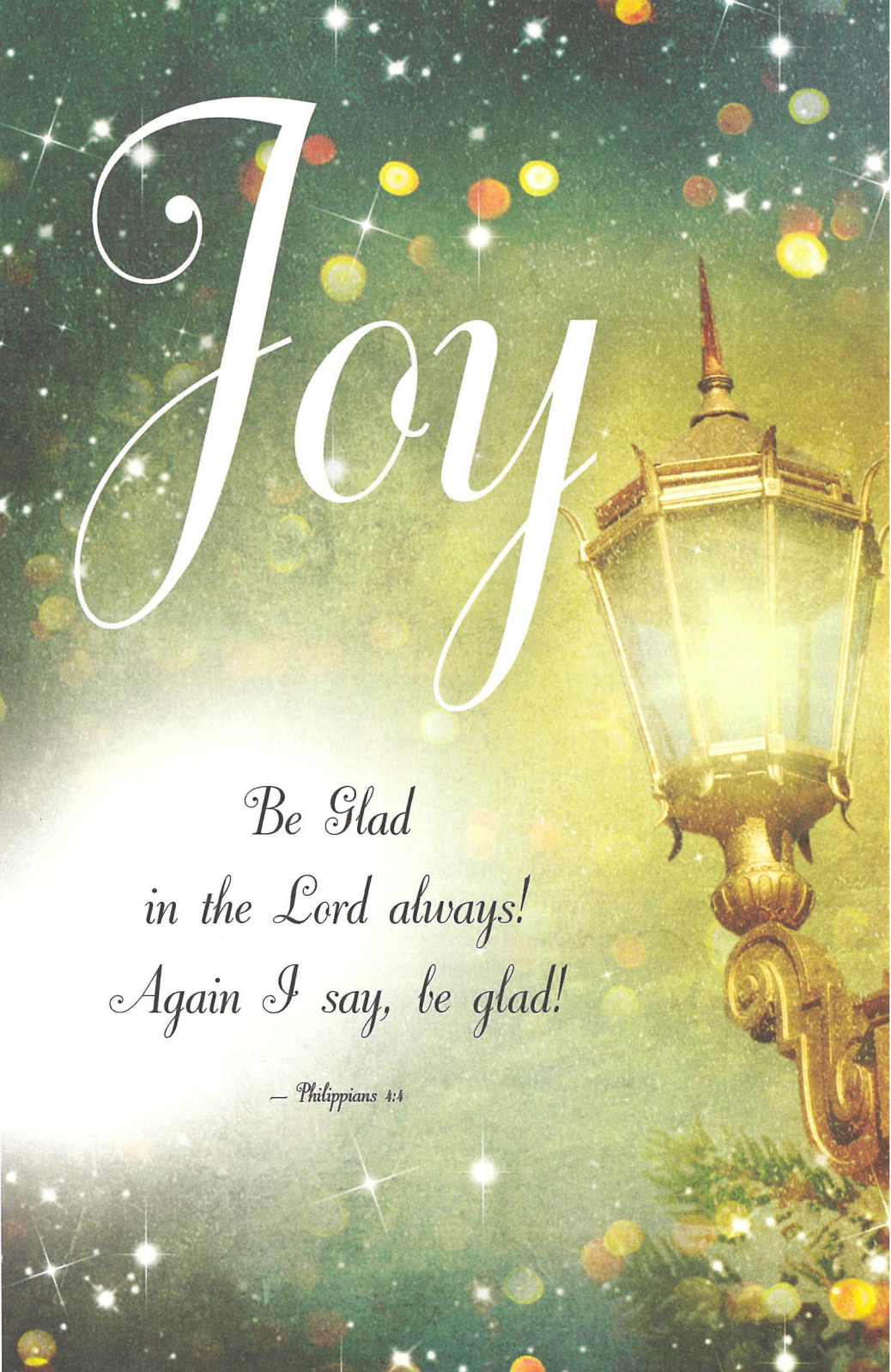
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*Be Glad
in the Lord always!
Again I say, be glad!*

— Philippians 4:4