

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



December 17, 2023

***Third Sunday
of Advent***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rugina Brazell

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Brazell Family

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O Come let us adore Him –

People: whose coming was announced by the prophets.

Leader: O Come let us adore Him –

People: whose message was proclaimed by the angels.

Leader: O Come let us adore Him –

All: whose glory was hailed by the shepherds. O Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

***HYMN**

UMH #240

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

***PSALTER**

Psalm 126

UMH #847

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jane Massey

We invite any children present to participate.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Lady Imperio

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O God, as we await the coming of Christ into the world, we pray for the courage to embrace His mission in the world. Help us today to hear the encouraging word you have for us this day. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #53

Luke 1:39-55

SERMON

Rev. Laurie Brandes

“Hear Us Sing”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER

THE 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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Lady Imperio

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH #881
"The Apostles' Creed"

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN UMH #220
"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN RESPONSE
"Let the Church Say Amen"

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting, please complete a visitor's card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

Please join us in the CLC immediately following our worship service for our Christmas dinner.

You are invited to a free concert given by the Columbia Community Concert Band, conducted by B.J. Brazier today at 4 pm at the Airport High School Auditorium, 1315 Boston Ave., West Columbia, SC 29170.

Thank you to Lady Imperio, the Rehoboth UMC choir, and all the other musicians who presented a beautiful concert yesterday. It was a true Christmas blessing to all who attended.

The church office will be closed on Friday, December 22, and Monday, December 25, in observance of Christmas.

A church conference to vote on separating from The United Methodist Church will be held Tuesday, February 13, at 6 pm in the sanctuary. All members are asked to attend.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 17

12:15 Christmas Dinner – CLC

Tuesday, December 19

6:30 Leadership Team - Parlor

Wednesday, December 20

5:30 Choir Practice – Choir Room

Friday, December 22

church office closed

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

You are welcomed to attend one of our Sunday School classes:

Crossroads SS Class meets via Zoom at 9am
Contact L.W. Smith for Zoom invite.

Pathfinder SS Class meets at 9:45 am in the
parlor in the Education Building.

Children's SS Class meets at 9:45 am in the
nursery in the Education building.

HEARING DEVICES

If you would like to use a hearing assistance device, please see an usher for assistance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the book found on the podium located at the back of the sanctuary before the service begins. Your prayers will be lifted up.

2023 FINANCES

2023 Budget = \$229,008.00

Need to Receive Weekly = \$4,404.00

Received for General Budget on 12/10/23=\$4,080.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$157,136.00

We are excited to have you in our worship service today. We love that the walls of our building do not limit the impact of our ministry and have a wonderful community joining us today virtually. As such, we would like to remind all in attendance that your presence in our worship service indicates your approval that you and all minors you represent being recorded for our digital usage. This includes, but is not limited to, your image, name, and involvements in today's services.