

New Life United Methodist Church

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday School, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:30 am



STRONG FOUNDATION

Today's service is being streamed live
on Facebook and recorded to be
available on YouTube

Nursery is available for children under 3 years old
Please see an usher if you need assistance

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Welcome and Passing of the Peace Pastor Jolita

Greetings, Opportunities, Joys

Introit *“The Advent of Our God”

***Lighting of Advent Candle**

Reader One: “The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus. It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing . . . A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray . . . And 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 35:1-2, 8, 10 NRSV).

Reader Two: The prophet Isaiah tells us about the joy of ascending to God’s house. The prophet tells us to imagine being set free, being unburdened, being released to live, to fully live in the grace and wonder of life itself, surrounded by those who love us like no one else. And then he tells us that the journey to get there is just as much a joy.

Reader One: The Psalmist says “Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord . . . who made heaven and earth . . . who keeps faith . . . who executes justice . . . gives food . . . sets prisoners free . . . opens eyes . . . lifts up . . . watches over . . . upholds . . . The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!” (Psalm 146 NRSV)

Reader Two: We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, and of deep and everlasting joy, as a sign that we are those who walk with a skip in our step because we can see the destination, and it is pure joy. We are ascending to God’s promise.

ALL: My heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.

Opening Hymn *“How Firm a Foundaton”

Presentation of tithes and offerings^^

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer**

****Children’s Message**

Children ages 3 through 4th grade will be dismissed to attend Junior Worship

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Hymn *“Love Came down at Christmas”* UMH #242

Prayer Pastor Jolita

***Scripture Joshua 24:14-15 (NIV)**

Message..... Pastor Jolita

“Gift #3: Strong Foundation”

Hymn of Preparation***“What Feast of Love”***

Service of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn** ***“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

***Benediction *Postlude**

*Please stand if you are able **Today's service is being streamed live on Facebook and recorded to be available on YouTube.

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This week @ New Life

Every Day: Spend time with God; Exercise--Walk with God

Today: Sunday School, 9:30; Worship, 10:30 am; Youth, 6 pm

Monday: Scouts, 6:30 pm

Tuesday: Bread of LIFE group, 6:30 pm

Wednesday: United Women in Faith Christmas gathering, 6 pm; All Ladies Are Invited!! Bring a wrapped White Elephant gift if you wish

Thursday: Bible Study, 2 pm

Friday: Hope Seekers LIFE group, 3 pm; building reserved starting at 4:30 pm

Saturday: Building reserved

Next Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Choir, following worship

Looking Ahead: Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve service, 10 pm

Sunday, December 25 Christmas—no Sunday School classes; worship at 10:30 am

Bible Reading for This Week:

Today—Psalm 39

Mon., 12/12/22—Psalm 40

Tues., 12/13/22—Philippians 1

Wed., 12/14/22—Phil. 2

Thurs., 12/15/22—Phil. 3

Fri., 12/16/22—Phil. 4

Sat., 12/17/22—Psalm 41

Sun., 12/18/22—Psalm 42