

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Advent worship series focuses on Joy.

This week: Loving Joy

Tonight: Blue Christmas Worship, St. John's UMC, Rohnert Park, 5 pm

*Having trouble getting into the holiday spirit? You're not the only one who finds this time of year a little difficult. Join us for a contemplative time of music and reflection.*

Christmas Offering – During the month of December, our offering will support *Mission Covenant Partner, Katherine Parker in Nepal, The Living Room, and Catholic Charities Homeless Services*. Please write Christmas Offering on your memo line. Thank for your support of these essential programs benefiting the needs of the community.

*If you have not done already, please place your stewardship cards in the Offertory basket when it passes today, or you may drop it by the Office or through the Office mail slot.*

Pastor: Lindsey Bell-Kerr

Worship Arts Coordinator: Carol-Jean Boevers

Accompanist: Carl Sokol

Business Administrator: Robin Coolidge

Custodian: Mary Barton

Greeters: Stan & Irene Pelmear

Refreshment Snacks: Barbara Naslund

PowerPoint: Robin Coolidge/Marcia Burkart

Lay Leader: Anne Colby

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Prayer Chain Coordinator: Irene Clark - [famclark@pacbell.net](mailto:famclark@pacbell.net)

Pastor Lindsey is in the office at various times throughout the week, including evenings, and is reachable by phone or email even when not in the office. **Office hours this week: Wednesday, December 18, 10 am-1 pm.**  
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### Statement of Reconciliation

*All persons are recipients of God's love and grace. Christ Church is a community that embodies God's love, grace and justice for all people. We wish to carry out the example set forth by Jesus Christ to accept, affirm, celebrate and love all. We therefore invite and welcome persons of any age, gender, race, socioeconomic or ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, and physical and mental ability as full participants in this community of faith.*

## Christ Church United Methodist

Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 15, 2019

# Third Sunday of Advent:



# Loving Joy



***Welcome! We're Glad You're Here!***

***You are invited to have a contemplative moment before worship and light a candle at the front of the sanctuary in honor of someone; a concern on your heart; or hope for the future.***

Gathering Music		Carl Sokol
Gathering Song	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	UMH 234, v.1
Welcome and Announcements		Carol-Jean Boevers
Please sign the gray pads at the end of the row to let us know you were with us.		
If you are a newcomer, please know you are welcome, wherever you are on your spiritual journey.		
Advent Centering and Wreath Lighting		Robin Brown & Maddie Boevers
Scripture Reading	<i>Isaiah 11: 1-10; Matthew 3:1-12</i>	Robin Brown
Blessing of Young Disciples		Heather Boone
Sunday School is available for young children during the service after the blessing.		
Our teachers will bring the children to Room 8, where you can pick them up after worship.		
Teachers: Anne Colby, John Davenport		
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer		Schuyler Rhodes
Hymn	<i>Come Let Us Dream</i>	W&S 3157
Message	<i>Gaining a New Perspective</i>	Rev. Schuyler Rhodes
Offertory	<i>Prepare! From Canticle of Joy</i> --Joseph M. Martin	Choir
*Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
*Prayer of Dedication		Schuyler Rhodes
*Closing Hymn	<i>The King of Glory Comes</i>	FWS 2091
*Benediction		
*Benediction Song	We're Gonna Bring Joy to the World	<i>on screen</i>
Postlude		Carl Sokol
<i>*Those who are able are invited to stand.</i>		

**A Glance at This Week**

**Sunday, December 15**

8:45 am **Choir Practice**, Sanctuary  
9:30 am **Third Sunday of Advent, Worship**, Sanctuary  
10:45 am **Time for Reflection**, Conf Rm  
4-6 pm **Youth Meeting/Christmas Party**, FUMC-Stony Point  
5-7 pm **Blue Christmas: A Contemplative Time of Worship**, St. John’s UMC

**Tuesday, December 17**

12-1 pm **Retired Pastor’s Luncheon**, Sanctuary

**Wednesday, December 18**

5 pm **Finance Comm**, Conf Rm  
6:30 pm **Ad Council**, Conf Rm

**Thursday, December 19**

4:00-5:30 pm **Food Distribution**, Elisha’s Pantry  
6:35-8:30 pm **Choir Rehearsal**, Sanctuary

**Friday, December 20**

1:00 pm **HandiCraft Group**, Conf Rm

**Sunday, December 22**

8:45 am **Choir Practice**, Sanctuary  
9:30 am **Fourth Sunday of Advent, Worship**, Sanctuary  
10:45 am **Time for Reflection**, Conf Rm

***Thank you to this morning’s musicians. Please join us for fellowship snacks after worship.***