

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2009 10:00 a.m.**

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*Our mission is to change peoples' lives
through a relationship with Jesus Christ.*

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~WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE~

Greeting of Peace

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Advent Candle-Lighting Liturgy

Third Sunday in Advent: Joy

L: On this third Sunday in Advent we light the candles of Hope and Peace again (light first two purple candles). We remember our longing for God to be with us and to give us peace.

Child: Today we light the Third candle and name it Joy (light the pink candle).

P: *This candle reminds us that God wants us to rejoice, even when that feels hard to do.*

L: This candle is the symbol of the joy that comes when God is with us.

All: *O God, come travel with us through Advent. Give us courage to spread joy in the world. Amen.*

Hymn "Joy To The World" #246

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Reception of New Members

Please welcome Jake & Nicole Ethier, Monica Hefron, Roy & Carol Lyons, and Rev. Thomas & Irma McKeown

Offertory "Down to the River to Pray" Traditional

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

We rejoice, O God of joy, in the privilege of giving without fear. You come to us daily with blessings too numerous to count. You are the Holy One whose presence relieves our anxieties, feeds our hungers, and stirs our compassion. Through our offerings, we express our gratitude. As we give of ourselves, we respond to your call to bear fruit and to make your name known among the nations. Thank you for accepting all that we offer. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "Mary Had A Baby" Traditional

Reading of the Word

Gospel John 1: 1-12 Lee Ducharme

Hymn "This Little Light of Mine" #585

Message "What If We Gave Extravagantly?" Rev. Michele Ewers

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

A Time For Prayer Barbara Fortin

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

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn *“Marching to Zion”* **#733**

Sending Forth

L: Rejoice, for Christ has come and is coming, whose presence brings peace to our hearts and minds.

P: *We can do all things in Christ, who strengthens us. We have much to share with the world.*

L: God, who has blessed you, commissions you for service. Shout and sing for joy; praise God in all you do.

All: *God has renewed and refreshed us this day. God’s strength will be our song wherever we go. Amen.*

Closing Song *“Lonesome Valley”* **Insert**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

*Altar Flowers this morning are given in loving memory of
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