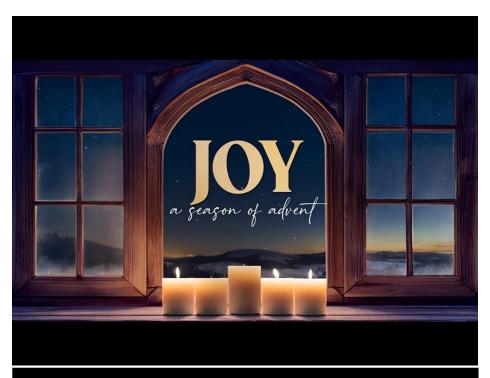
# Mt. Zion UMC Sunday, December 15, 2024 Advent Week 3



And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Countdown/Pre-Service Video/ Prelude/**This is the Day** Welcome/Birthdays – Anniversaries/Announcements

## Opening Hymn - UMH 196 Come, Thou Long-Expected

Opening Prayer: Lord, we have come to this place from a world of demands and schedules. We have sought hope and peace and have found them here. Now we seek the inner joy that only your presence can bring to our lives. Open our hearts and our spirits to your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

Kindle the flame of joy, may it burn bright and true Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.

#### Children's Moments -

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray, Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Special Music – What We All Want for Christmas is Peace Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song - Emmanuel, Emmanuel,

His name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (sung)

## Hymn of Preparation – W&S 3059 Love Has Come

Pre-Message Video Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-11

Message – Experience the Gift of Joy – Pastor Shawn

Offertory/Doxology No. 95

**Closing Hymn – UMH 236 While Shepherds Watched**Benediction

Parting Song - UMH No 230 vs. 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us We pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas Angels the great glad tidings tell, O come to Us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!



Bring your Christmas cards for the congregation and leave them on the table in the Social Hall. The "Mt. Zion Mail Elf" will deliver them.

#### Remember our Homebound

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### **Prayer List**

David Anderson Diane Gavalik
Nicole Beeson Peggy James
Wayne & Jane Belloff Joseph Kern
Anna Biebl Elizabeth Kirby
Jo Anne Bienvenu Karen Kohn
Tina Bonilla Matthew Major
Peggy Bosley Val McNeal

Marty Brown Rev. Laura Lee Morgan

Sharon Briggs John Mumford

Dick Carter Joe Otto
Martha Carter Lois Pulket
Julie Chamberlain Ulrich Family
Mikie Conrad Derek Snider
Charles Cooper Vivienne Slicher
Matthew Davis Jenny Stranix

Olivia Davis Brennen Summers

Barb Diaz Joan Tighe
Jean Gartrell Robert Tighe
Kathy Giroux Jane Unger
Keith & Debbie Gist Rick Valway

Arlene & Dave Grachmal Michelle & Vance Valway
Glenda Harris Chris Vollmerhausen

Sandra Hawkins

Bob & Barb Hayes

Don Hennessee

Jeanette Holbert & Family

Carol, Fran, Jan

Robert Wade

## Our heartfelt sympathies go out to:

Shirley Love and the family of Jerry Colson Lisa Schemm and the family of Barry Sturm