

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Third Sunday in Advent

December 11, 2022

10:00 AM

Prelude: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Rita Pittman

Welcome and Church Life Rev. Jonathon Kosec

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Choral Introit

*** Call to Worship**

Pastor: Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God.

People: Strengthen our faith in your coming and transform us by your grace.

Pastor: Enable us to walk in your way as we celebrate this Advent season.

People: Use our Advent journey to remind us we wait upon your coming again.

Pastor: O God, how great you are! Again, on the first day of the week you sent your Spirit on your disciples.

People: Do not deprive us of your Spirit but renew him in us day by day.

* Invocation

* Hymn # 147 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Offering O Little Town of Bethlehem

* Doxology #638 and Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn # 136. Good Christians All, Rejoice!

The Reception of New Members

Scripture Lesson Matthew 11:2-11 Ron Hamilton

Special Music A Cradle Waits ECC Choir

Today's Message: "Look" Rev. Jonathon Kosec

* Closing Hymn # 138 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Sending Prayer

*** Benediction**

Postlude: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*** You may choose to stand or remain seated.**

CHURCH LIFE

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Norma Goodwin in memory of family and friends gone too soon.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER.

David Olund upcoming surgery.

Dave and Kay Johnson struggling with health issues.

People who are struggling for direction in their lives.

Patience for those awaiting repairs from the hurricane.

Families struggling to adjust to new difficulties.

BIBLE STUDY Will resume after the first of the year. In the mean time you can attend SEC Virtual Bible Study - "A Living Hope". This Bible study will meet on the second Thursday of each month 6:30 pm ET - 8:00 pm ET, beginning on Thursday, December 8, 2022. You can sign up by going to the following address:

<https://southeastconference.wufoo.com/forms/sec-virtual-bible-study-a-living-hope/>

CHOIR REHEARSAL - Sunday morning at 9:00 am **Everyone Welcome !**

We Say Good-bye - to Ron Davis who has been with us since 2007. He is moving to Texas to be close to his son. We wish you the best and God Bless you and keep you safe. Join us after church for refreshments.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - This morning we have a special privilege to welcome new members into our congregation. We thank God for each of these people and the gifts they bring to our church. Joining our church today are:

Jonathon Kosec	Bob Rowles
Cheryl Kosec	Randy Poe
Julie Sircy	Janell Poe
Sue Fitz	Tony Bridgens
Michele Bezel	Betty Bridgens

CHURCH COUNCIL - Meets on a monthly basis on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. This month's meeting however will be following our service today at 11:30. Please let one of your council members know if you have anything you would like brought to the council's attention.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – We are getting ready to update our directory. Please take a few minutes after the service to fill out the insert or bring it back next week.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:2-11. New Living Translation

² John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, ³ "Are you the Messiah we've been expecting,^[a] or should we keep looking for someone else?"

⁴ Jesus told them, "Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen— ⁵ the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor." ⁶ And he added, "God blesses those who do not fall away because of me."^[a]"

⁷ As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began talking about him to the crowds. "What kind of man did you go into the wilderness to see? Was he a weak reed, swayed by every breath of wind? ⁸ Or were you expecting to see a man dressed in expensive clothes? No, people with expensive clothes live in palaces. ⁹ Were you looking for a prophet? Yes, and he is more than a prophet. ¹⁰ John is the man to whom the Scriptures refer when they say, 'Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way before you.'^[a]

¹¹ "I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is!

BIRTHDAYS

Elaine Bryan 12/16, Linda Cross 12/16, Carol Black 12/17

Head Usher: Hal Bates

Usher/Greeters:

Ron and JoAnn Hamilton

George Alexander and Nancy Janish

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