

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 13, 2015
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On this THIRD Sunday of Advent let us center on
our thoughts of JOY.

WELCOME AND GREETING/ ORGAN PRELUDE

*SONG OF PRAISE - #2149 *"Living For Jesus"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP –

L. When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

P. Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

L. When the Lord raised Jesus from the dead,
we were like those who dream.

P. Now our mouths are filled with laughter,
and our tongues with shouts of joy.

L. The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoice.

P. *May all those who have sowed in tears
reap with shouts of happy hilarity.
Hip hip hooray!*

CONGREGATION PRAYER: God of Joy, make us glad this
morning. Remove from us our distractions, our heart-worries, our
to-dos and should-haves and all the constant stress & strain. And
in its place, O God, give us more of You.

Let our hearts be filled with peace, our mouths with laughter and
our tongues with shouts of joy. Let us be glad in the house of the
Lord. Amen

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAISE HYMN – #196 *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

CHORAL ANTHEM – *"Christmas Gift"*

CHILDREN'S TIME –

LIGHTING THIRD CANDLE IN ADVENT WREATH - JOY

– Children will come forward to light candle

Reader 1 - Let us light this third candle of Advent, a candle of Joy.
In its light, let us turn our worries into prayers
for God to be present to us right now,
as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

Reader 2 - Let this candle of Advent Joy
shine in our hearts all week to remind us
to pray and praise and place Christ at the center this
Season.

Reader 3 – Let us pray – Lord fill our hearts with Joy this day as
we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus, both in the past and
his coming soon to deliver His people.

Children help to light the pink candle of JOY

PRAYER HYMN - #2160 *"Into My Heart"*

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING - in Unison – UMH #847(with response #1)
Luke 3:7-18 (p.60 NT)

SKIT ON GIVING –*"The One-Way Pray-er"*

SERMON: *"You Know What To Do"* Rev. Judy D White-Wunder

MAKING A COMMITMENT TO CHRIST AND HIS MINISTRY-

All those who have their Commitment Cards ready, please bring
them forward and place in the Christmas Gift Box.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - As we share in this offering to you,
O Lord, may we hear in our hearts the only voice that can truly
save, that can reach into the despair and the alienation of our
world to offer the words of hope. We look again for the coming of
Christ, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen. (*Matthew 11:2-
11.*)

CLOSING HYMN - #2031 *"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

TODAY – CHRISTMAS CAROLING..Please join us. We will start at The Homestead at 3pm., Penn Yan Manor, 3:30, Clinton Crest, 4:15 and Keuka Comfort Care, 5pm.

SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK:

Organist: Elly Stempien
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Ron Salyer
Greeters: Deb Smith and Jane Salyer
Ushers: Clarice Hardy and Waneta Nielsen
Scripture Reader: Stacy Wyant
Fellowship: Doug and Terry Fingar, Sorensen Family (Birthday)
Sunday School: Pam Althouse
Nursery: Sonya Anderson & Breanna Summers
Counters: Elly Stempien and Bill Sutherland

SERVING NEXT WEEK: (12/20/15 – Children’s Christmas Sunday)

Organist: Elly Stempien
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Ron Salyer
Greeters: Amos and Laura Hammond
Ushers: Dick Smith and Russ Heggie
Scripture Reader: Ron Salyer
Fellowship: Laurie and John Prinzivalli
Sunday School: No Sunday (Children’s Christmas Program)
Nursery: No Nursery (Children’s Christmas Program)
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry

THIS WEEK

Tues. Noon: Women’s Luncheon at Antique Inn. All women are invited to come share a meal with one another.

Wed. Bible Study Christmas Luncheon at Pastor Judy’s and Art’s. 1702 Oak Leaf Lane, Penn Yan. 10am. Bring covered dish to pass.

Dec. 20th – **CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS SUNDAY**, a special worship for the children and by the children

Dec. 24th – **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**, 7PM, a beautiful service of Christmas music and Candlelight.

Dec. 27th – **PASTOR JUDY’S LAST SERVICE**. Art, Pastor Judy, MaryAnne and Joel will serve you brunch after the service.

**BLUFF POINT
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**P.O. BOX 134
KEUKA PARK, NY 14478**

**REV. JUDY D. WHITE- WUNDER, PASTOR
607-215-5193 (CELL)**

EMAIL: pastor@BluffPointUMC.com

**PRAYER REQUEST
prayers@BluffPointUMC.com**

WEBSITE: BluffPointUMC.com

**“BLUFF POINT UMC...
FAITH AND LOVE...
IT’S WHO WE ARE. IT’S WHAT WE DO!”**



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – JOY