

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 14, 2014
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JOY

WELCOME AND GREETING

ORGAN PRELUDE / LIGHTING CANDLES

***SONG OF PRAISE - #207 "Prepare the Way of the Lord"**
(sung as a round)

***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 OF THE PEACE** - Let us offer one another signs of
reconciliation and love.

PRAISE HYMN - #238 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

CHORAL ANTHEM – *Is Your Heart Prepared for a King*

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 - #2080 "All I Need Is You"
PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

**SCRIPTURE READING – Isa.61: 1-4,8-11(p.692 OT); John 1:6-8,19-
28(p.91 NT)**
PROCLAIMING THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST – "GLOOORY!"
Rev. Judy D White-Wunder

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 - #240 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
BENEDICTION –GLOOORY!! LET US SHOUT FOR JOY! AMEN!
POSTLUDE

SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK

Organist: Cindy Heggie
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Ron Salyer
Greeters: Ed and Sally Head
Ushers: Dana and Helen Schillinger
Scripture Reader: Stacy Wyant
Fellowship: Ron and Jane Salyer
Sunday School: Pam Althouse
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Sonya Andersen
Counters: Bill Sutherland and Elly Stempien

SERVING NEXT WEEK: (12/21/14 – Children's Christmas)

Organist: Cindy Heggie
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Ron Salyer
Greeters: Jacob DeMay and Dameyon Miller-Cotten
Ushers: Ryan Andersen and Hayley Andersen
Scripture Reader: Elly Stempien
Fellowship: Marilyn Sands and Pam Althouse
Sunday School: No Sunday School or Nursery
Counters: Ron Salyer and Ed Head

This Week Schedule:

Tues. UMW luncheon, Noon at Antique Inn
Choir Rehearsal, Tues. 7pm
Wed. Bible Study, 10am – Celebrate Christmas. Final one until after Christmas and New Year's.

TODAY – Christmas Caroling – We will meet at church at 3pm and go to Clinton Crest, Penn Yan Manor and Homestead. If you live in town, please meet us at Clinton Crest at 3:15pm. We will conclude by going to the Living Well for cookies and hot cocoa.

DEC. 21ST – OUR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WORSHIP

DEC. 24TH – OUR TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE. - 7PM

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