

This coming week in the life of the church

Today 12/14

9am Worship
10am Cookie Walk
10:15am Sunday School

Monday 12/15

11am Meals on Wheels
5:30pm Missions Team
6pm Cub Scout Meeting
6:30pm Ambassador Meeting

Tuesday 12/16

11am Meals on Wheels
2pm Bright Point
6pm Disciple 1
7pm Boy Scouts
7pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday 12/17

9am Psalm Sisters
10:30am Ladies fitness class
11am Meals on Wheels
5:30pm Disciple 3

Thursday 12/18

11am Meals on Wheels

Friday 12/19

11am Meals on Wheels
6pm Family Movie Night

Saturday 12/20

8:30am UMM Meeting

**Giving Our Tithes and Offerings
to God~**

*All that we have comes from
God; we are caretakers of what
belongs to Him. As an act of
faith, we return a portion of
God's provision for the growing
and continuation of His work.
There is an offering plate as you
enter for tithes and offerings,
you can send them through our
website, or they may be mailed
to the church office.*

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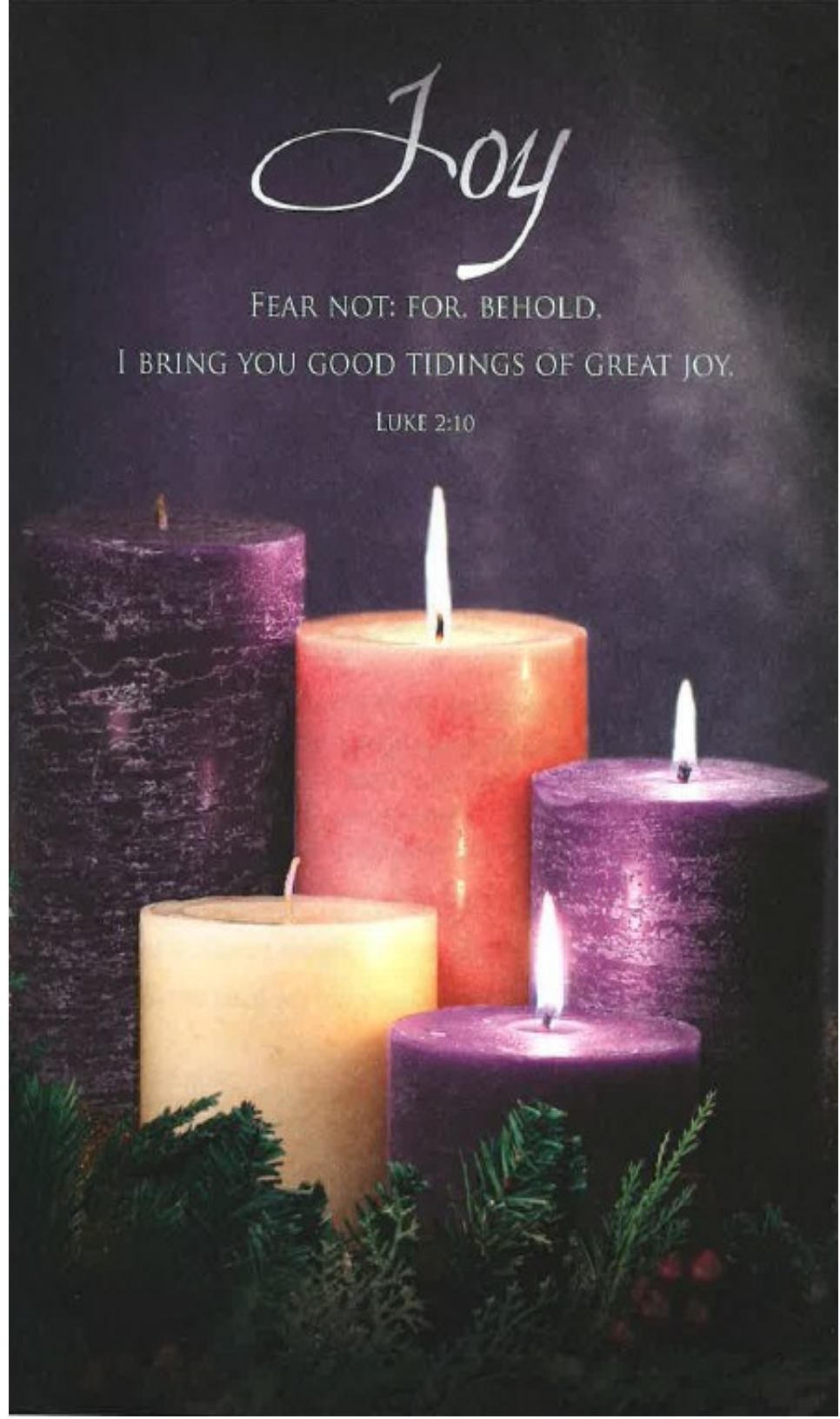
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Joy

FEAR NOT: FOR, BEHOLD,

I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY.

LUKE 2:10



Order of Worship for December 14, 2025
3rd Sunday of Advent~~Joy

Prelude (song/s)

Welcome

***Opening Songs of "Be the Center"**
"God's Unchanging Hand"

***Candle Lighting Litany:** Greg Simross, Jay Hazlett and Mark
Petersen

One - The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has
dawned.

Many – We have seen the light, but many continue to walk
in darkness.

One – The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will
make a new covenant with (my) people.

Many – The Lord is our God, and we are his people. One
day we shall all know God, from the least to the
greatest.

One – We light this candle as a sign that joy is God's will and
gift for all people.

Many – May God cause the light of joy to shine in the
darkness.

***Scripture:** Hebrews 8: 6-13 Liturgist: Norm Yarger

Discipleship Time

Prayer Song: "While We Are Waiting Come"

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Message Pastor Jim

***Doxology** (UMH #95)

***Prayer of dedication**

Every day, we are surrounded by your goodness, O God.
Your mercies are new every morning and your care is constant.
Sometimes we see your hand in our blessings and rejoice;
sometimes we take provision for granted, or take credit for the
work of our hands.

Receive our gifts as signs of our gratitude. Return to us signs
of your promise and desire to bless us. Use our gifts and your
great grace to bring joy to those who have not seen or known
your goodness, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Closing Song of Praise:** "Good, Good Father"

***Benediction**

***= Stand as able**

****Headsets to assist with hearing during the service are available
from any usher****

*Altar Flowers given by Paul & Linda Jarvis in honor of our
Pastors*

Hebrews thought the covenant and sacrifice were

The Hebrew word is _____, not _____

The terms used are _____

Old Covenant references show a _____

This should have been _____

Why do we despair or try to atone?

Jesus is not a _____

but a _____

As mediator, Jesus _____

As guarantor, Jesus _____

v. 10 “establish” means God _____

The New Covenant is recorded in/on _____

To be holy, a human must _____

We can know God because Jesus _____

and _____

Hebrews 8:6-13

⁶But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises.

⁷For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. ⁸But God found fault with the people and said:

“The days are coming, declares the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

⁹It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they did not remain faithful to my covenant,
and I turned away from them, declares the Lord.

¹⁰This is the covenant I will establish
with the people of Israel after that time,
declares the Lord.
I will put my laws in their minds
and write them on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

¹¹No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest.

¹²For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

¹³By calling this covenant “new,” he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.