Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025 Why Would God Ever Want to Come Down to Earth?!

Introduction:

I. Isaiah pleaded with God. Isaiah 64 (NIV)

II. We were utterly helpless. Romans 5: 6-11 (NIV)

III. Just consider Who Jesus is! John 1: 1-5 (NIV)

ALTAR FLOWERS

There is a sign-up sheet in the library for sponsorship of altar flowers. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please sign your name under the month and date and whom you are honoring. Any questions, please call the office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

NURSERY

A nursery is available during the 10:30 worship service. It is located upon entering the library from the sanctuary in the left corner. The nursery is staffed and available for babies through pre-kindergarten.

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

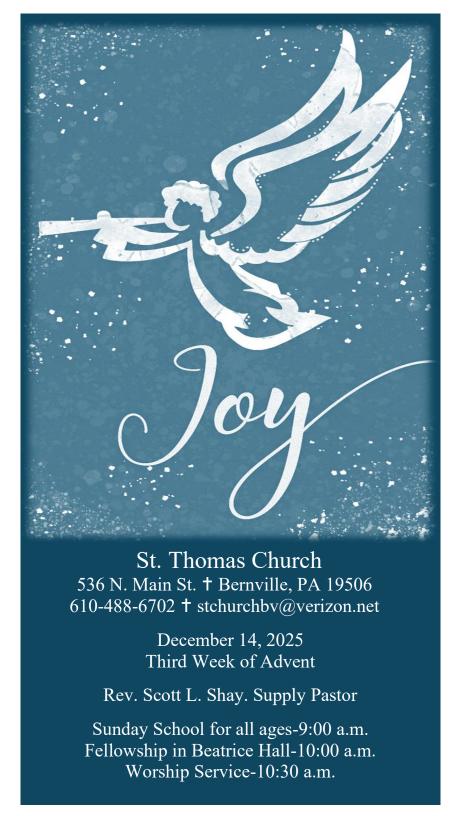
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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Attendance: December 7, 2025 – 99





ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.

Prepare to Worship

Organ Prelude Welcome and Announcements Lighting of the Third Advent Candle ~ Joy The Cornwell Family

Advent Meditation

We Worship Together

† Opening Worship Born That We May Have Life Offering

† Prayer

Children's Message

Offertory & Doxology

Jubilation Ringers ~ Celtic Noel

Scripture: various-see insert

Message: Why Would God Ever Want to Come Down to Earth?!

We Prepare to Serve

† Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

† Benediction

† Closing Hymn #278 ~ Angels We Have Heard on High Organ Postlude

† If you are able, please stand.

The Worship is ended...the service begins.

WELCOME GUESTS!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. Please take along a visitor's bag located at one of our entrances. We look forward to having you worship with us again soon!



The altar flowers are presented in memory of Suzanne Troutman. We miss you Aunt Sue! Love, Bill, Bridget, Rachel and Jackie.

The bulletins are sponsored in memory of Betty Henne by the Ministries of God's Servants.



Happy Birthday 75 Plus!

12/16 – Evelyn Fox 12/18 – Walter Focht

This Week at St. Thomas

Third Sunday in Advent **Today:**

VOICE articles are due today

New Member Class (B8) - 9:00 a.m.

Congregational Meeting following worship Pastor Appreciation Covered Dish Luncheon

Monday: Cub Scouts - 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Boy Scouts - 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday: TOPS - 8:00 a.m.

Mission Meeting (B8) - 4:15 p.m. Boy Scout Committee - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: Jubilation Ringers - 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Musical Rehearsal - 7:00 p.m.

Worship Choir following

Helping Harvest Food Distribution Friday:

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Christmas Musical - 7:00 p.m. **Saturday:**

O Night Divine

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday School (all ages) - 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.

Installation of New Members - 10:30 a.m. Christmas Musical - O Night Divine

Prayer Requests

Current: This list includes current requests for our church family and for our friends with existing needs.

Praying for our church family: Clair & Karen Hess, Gary & Louise Rubright, Stefani Walter, Chaun Walter, Deb Rumbel, Gloria Gassert, Tom Bair, Spencer Watts, Dan Wenrich, Judy Guthier

Lifting our friends in prayer: Haden Long, Rachel Croyle, Riley Reiniak, Denise Troutman, Barbara Kuhns, Brenda McCauley

Nursing Home / Homebound: Sandra Fox, Kim Kissling, Anna Mae Smith, Phyllis Krause, Donald Triviets, Scarlett & Charles Seifrit, Myrle Schlappich

Special Prayer Requests: Care Givers, Pastoral Search Committee, Missionaries, Persecuted Christians, United States (especially elected persons in authority), Community Requests

Military: Brandon Adams, Nicholas Englehart, Cassandra Englehart, Zachary Rollins, All Veterans

The 2026 offering envelopes are ready to be picked up in the library. If you cannot find your envelopes or need to make changes, contact the church office at 610-488-6702. Please DO NOT use them until January 2026.

Sunday, December 21 - during Sunday School the children and youth will be presenting a Christmas program. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be no adult Sunday school classes on this day.

Sunday, December 28 - the children and youth Sunday school classes will be combined in Beatrice Hall for a New Year's celebration - games, puzzles, snacks, and countdown to the new year and ball drop. Adults are invited to attend and play games and celebrate the new year with the kids.