

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.

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**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.

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**TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK**

Rosann Becker, 610-488-1253

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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Attendance: December 7, 2025 – 99



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Rev. Scott L. Shay. Supply Pastor

Sunday School for all ages-9:00 a.m.

Fellowship in Beatrice Hall-10:00 a.m.

Worship Service-10:30 a.m.

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

- Today:** Third Sunday in Advent  
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
- Friday:** Helping Harvest Food Distribution  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Saturday:** Christmas Musical - 7:00 p.m.  
*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 Rejniak, 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.