

Prelude  
Jon Brannon

Welcome to Worship  
Kyle Hughes

Call to Worship

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! Whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**He made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them. He keeps his promise forever.**

He gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free; opens the eyes of the blind; lifts up those who are bowed down.**

The Lord loves the righteous; cares for the stranger; sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

~ adapted from Psalm 146

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy

\*No. 245

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
v. 3

FAB Children’s Ministry

Scripture Reading  
Luke 2:8-12  
Griffin Porter

Prayer  
Jacob Wallace

\*Hymn of Praise  
No. 269  
“How Great Our Joy!”

\*Invocation & Lord’s Prayer  
Jay Porter

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*\*Our Future  
“Born to Bring Us Joy”  
Killian  
FAB Children’s Choir

***The Offering of Our Lives & Labors to God***

***\*Praise & Worship***  
“Cornerstone”  
The Cornerstone

***\*Prayer***  
Rickie Sizemore

**Music**  
Jon Brannon

***\*Doxology***

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer  
Rev. Dr. Jana Stoner

Special Music  
“Hark Now! The Gentle Flutes in Chorus”  
Dr. Wendell Dobbs, flute  
Hannah Burbery, violin  
EunSu Park, violin

Scripture Reading  
Luke 1:57-66

Sermon  
“Anticipating Joy:  
Preparing the Way for the Lord”  
Rev. Dr. Jana Stoner

\*Hymn of Commitment  
No. 271  
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

\*Benediction  
Rev. Dr. Jana Stoner

*\*All who are able are invited to stand.*

*\*\* After our future, children may leave to worship together upstairs. Pick up in the Children’s Worship Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the education building. A nursery is provided for infants-3 years.*

***Worship Elements***

*The flowers on the communion table are given to the glory of God and provided by the Ovie Goble & Jesse Cline Flower Endowment Fund.*

***Ministerial Staff***

*Rachael Gibson – Associate Children’s Pastor  
Mycah Pemberton – Interim Youth Director  
Dr. Alexander Lee – Interim Music Director  
Jon Brannon – Organist*

### **Church Staff**

*Jim Isaac – Staff Coordinator*

*Lisa Dudley – Financial Secretary*

*Kyla Nelson – Communications Director*

*G. Scott Ballard – Pastoral Care Coordinator*

*Joe Hughes – Building Supervisor*

*Kyle Hughes – Office Manager*

### **Vision Statements:**

Worship God wholeheartedly

Love one another unconditionally

Help people meet Jesus

Help each other become more like Jesus

Love our hurting world

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visitor card, submit prayer requests, or to give online.



### **CALENDAR | Dec. 14 – 20**

#### **Sunday, December 14**

12:00 CMC Meeting (Worship Room)

#### **Monday, December 15**

9:00 Staff Meeting

#### **Wednesday, December 17**

\*No Evening Activities\*

7:00 Cantata Dress Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, December 18**

7:00 Christmas Cantata (Sanctuary)

### **Sermon Notes**



December 14, 2025

10:45 am

Third Sunday of Advent – Joy



*“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”*