



United Methodist Church

December 8th, 2024

Second Sunday in Advent

Joy

Prelude *Steve Boylls*

Welcoming the Holy Spirit *Acolyte(s)*

Greeting and Welcome *Pastor Peter*

* Call to Worship

One: Brothers and Sisters, join me in worship of our Lord.

**All: God of December darkness and Christmas Light
hear our words of praise and worship!**

One: Lord God, deepen our longing.

**All: Heighten our expectation,
and make pregnant our hope!**

One: God of December darkness and Christmas light,

**All: Journey with us during these days so that we may
know and prize Bethlehem as our focus of adoration!**

* Hymn **O Come All Ye Faithful** *Hymnal #234*

Scripture **Philippians 1:3-11** *Pew Bible N.T. #185*

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be to God

Advent Candle 2 – Joy *Armstrong family*

One: This morning's Candle is the candle of Joy. The Joy of Mary and Joseph is the Joy of humanity.

In Luke Jesus tells us,

**All: "Just so I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over
one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous
persons who need no repentance." (Luke 15:7)**

One: We celebrate on our journey to the birth of the baby Jesus in the manger.

**All: May we share the Joy we find in Jesus born on
Earth with the people we meet.**

Special Music **Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace** *Ensemble*

Prayer Time – Sharing prayers of concern and celebration.

Unison Prayer

One: Most Precious Lord, we humbly beseech thee to hear our prayers.

**All: Lord You are ever-present
and Your gifts to us are awesome.
You know those who are hurting,
we lift prayers for them.**

One: Guide us!

**All: Lead us Lord that we may always return thanks
to YOU as the giver of all that is good. Amen.**

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Pastoral Prayer *Pastor Peter*

The Lord's Prayer (unison) *Hymnal #270*

Offertory *Steve Boylls*

* Scripture **Luke 1:67-79** *Pew Bible N.T. #54*

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be to God

* Video **Hark the Herald Angels Sing** *VBS Video*

Sermon **Rubbish and Joy?** *Rev. Peter Freytag*

* Hymn **The First Noel** *Hymnal #245*

Benediction **Go Now In Peace** *Congregation*

* Please stand if you are able

This Week's Calendar:

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Closed

Next Sunday, December 15, 2024

11:00 a.m.: English Worship Service

Prayers In Our Church Family:

- Sandy Tinney's son Don recovering from a stroke.
- Amelia Kelemeni Paula, diagnosed with systemic Masto-cytosis.
- Prayers of Peace in the Middle East, Russia and Ukraine
- Families suffering loss.

Christmas Eve Fellowship Following Service:

Getting excited for Christmas Eve!

We will celebrate together after Christmas Eve service to share cookies (while supplies last). Please share your favorite recipe by bringing a plate for all to enjoy. Coffee and juice will also be served. Direct questions to Ellen Dockter.

Senior Pastor: *Peter Freytag*

Office Manager: *Paea Kelemeni*

Lay Leader: *Mark Dockter*

Ad Council Chair: *Mike Sumrall*

Accompanist: *Steve Boylls*

Communion Stewards: *Melba Taylor, Ellen Smith-Dockter*

Tongan Pastor: *Atonio Toluta'u*

Christian Ed: *Stephanie Iverson*

Tongan Lay Leader: *Ngalu Kelemeni*

Lay Delegate: *Melba Taylor*

Liturgist: *Sandy Tinney*

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