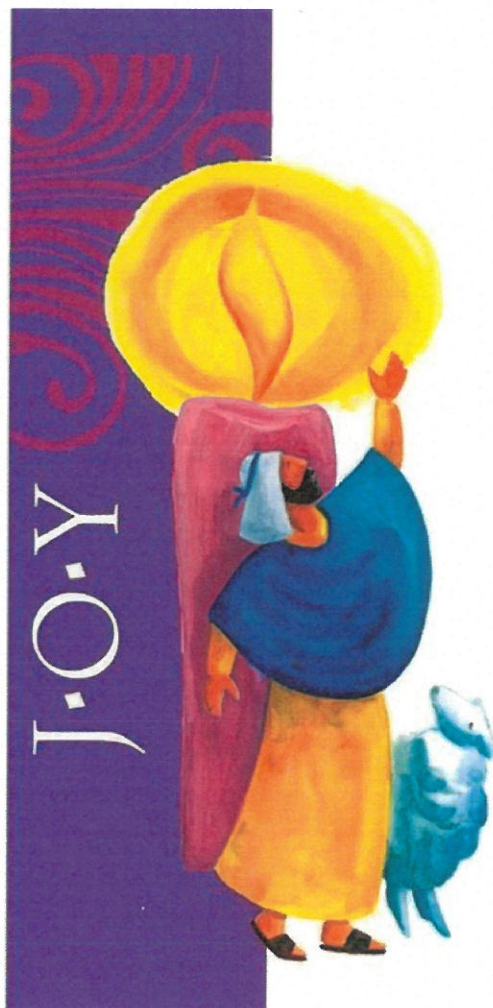


*Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
December 14, 2025
Third Sunday in Advent*



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The Christmas wreaths at the front door are given in loving memory of Margaret and Charles Smith Jr. and their son, William Smith, by their family, Maria, Thomas and Charles.

Prelude

Variations on *In dulci jubilo*
("In Sweet Joy")

Theodore Beck

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Candle of Joy

The Sousa / Mernin Families

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Carole Baker, Liturgist

Liturgist: Joy to the world!.

People: This, then is the culmination of our years of waiting.

Liturgist: We have lit the candles of hope, peace and joy. In the glow of their light we feel the warmth of deep and quiet joy.

People: Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns.

Liturgist: Let all their songs employ.

People: Let us sing to the glory of God.

Liturgist: Today is the day we worship with joy.

People: Let us sing for the Joy of the Lord, a joy to the world.

***Hymn**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

No. 198

***Prayer of Invocation**

Liturgist: Let us pray together.

All: O God, this Advent season is a time when your light radiates through the world. Inasmuch as we can, let us be bright for you. Shine your light through us as though we were pieces in a stained glass window. Flow through us into others as the warm glow of colors seeps into a church. Help us to experience your joy and grace in this time of worship. Prepare us for what is to come. Amen.

Response

"Gloria Patri" No. 734

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

Anthem

"I Wonder as I Wander"

Appalachian carol,
Arr. Kyle Pederson

Sunday School Dismissal

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Joys and Concerns of the People

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray as Christ our savior has taught us.

All: 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.

Offertory

***Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 34

***Prayer of Dedication**

Special Music "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Marshall McDonald & Steven Nelson
Karl Stuen, viola

Scripture Luke 1:46b-55 NT pg. 57

Sermon "A Message of Joy" Reverend Dr. Will Sencabaugh

***Hymn** "Joy to the World" No. 179

***Benediction
Response** "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name" No. 711, vs. 1

Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
we give you thanks before our worship cease,
and now departing, wait your word of peace.

Postlude *In dulci jubilo*, BWV 729 J. S. Bach

If you are leaving the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly.

*Throughout the bulletin, when you see an * you are invited to stand if you are able.*

The Lead Deacon this month is Ralph Giannetti assisted by Ed McCarthy.

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 14th	8:30 am	O & M Committee Meeting
	10:00 am	Worship/ Sunday School
	11:15 am	CE Committee Meeting
	11:15 am	Uke Group
	3:00 pm	Oure Pleasure Advent Lessons & Carols
Monday, 15th	2:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	7:00 pm	Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 16th	6:00 pm	Book Study – The Battle for Christmas
	7:00 pm	Administrative Committee Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, 17th	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Meeting
Thursday, 18th	5:00 pm	Board of Deacons Meeting
	6:00 pm	Troop 34 Meeting
	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Scouts Committee Meeting
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 20th	9:00 am	Intergenerational Sacred Dance Rehearsal
Sunday, 21st	10:00 am	Worship/ Sunday School
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Class
Monday, 22nd	3:00 pm	Food Pantry
		January Voice Deadline
Wednesday, 24th	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
Saturday, 27th	9:00 am	Intergenerational Sacred Dance Rehearsal
Sunday, 28th	10:00 am	Worship/ Sunday School
	11:15 am	Church Council Meeting



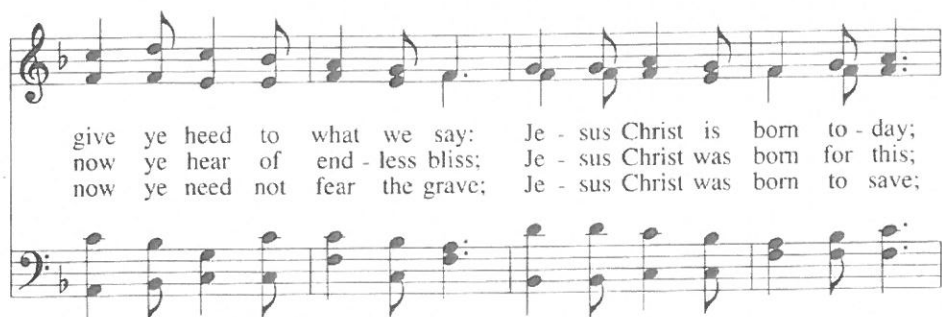
This Sunday the Flower committee will be taking orders and dedications for poinsettias. Please see Cathy Giannetti or Lucy Hogarth in Fellowship Hall after worship to place your order. We will once again get our plants from Evergreen Nursery in Seekonk. Single plants will be \$20.00, doubles - \$27.00, and triples \$33.00 in either red or white.

We will also accept donations and dedications to our Food Pantry.

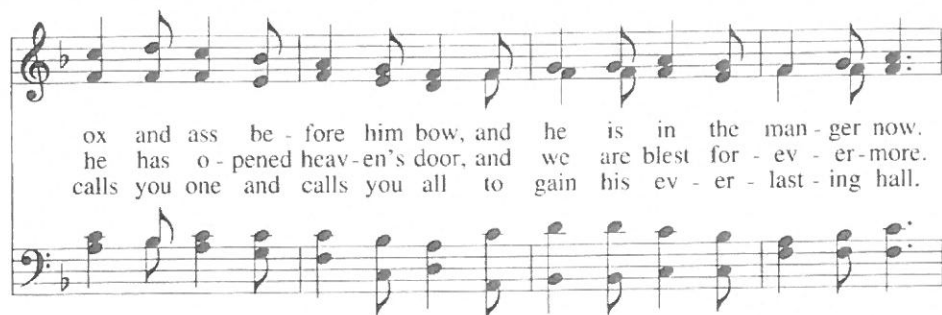
198 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this;
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save;



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 he has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Joy to the World!

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth re - ceive her
 2 Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; let all their songs em -
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness.

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
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 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
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 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

MUSIC: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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