

# Unity Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

***Gathering of God's People***

**Choral Call to Worship**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

L: Sound the trumpet! Ring the bell! There's a story you must tell!

**P: In a manger lies a King, let us worship, let us sing!**

L: A joyous celebration of Christ, our Savior's birth.

**P: A joyful exultation with good will and peace on earth,**

L: gift to all nations, a Father's only Son.

**P: A Christmas proclamation our Lord at last has come.**

**+Morning Prayer**

**+Hymn of Praise – “There's A New Kid in Town” Austin**

**+Call to Confession**

**+Prayer of Confession**

**God of grace and truth you give the gift of yourself but we are often caught up in our own gifts given and received. You offer us new life in a baby born in Bethlehem and we ignore the cost of new life. You shine in the world, but we dwell in the darkness. You came to us in flesh and blood but we often fail to see you in the human lives around us. Forgive what we have been and shape who we are and direct who we shall be. In Jesus' name. (Silence) Amen.**

**+Assurance of Pardon**

**+Passing the Peace**

**Our Life Together**  
***Service of the Word***

**Prayer for Illumination**  
**Children's Program**

**Announcements**

**“Symbols of Christmas”**

***Responding in Faith***

**+Hymn of Adoration “Go Tell It on the Mountain” (Screen)**

**+Affirmation of Faith**

**+The Apostles Creed**

**+ Gloria Patri**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

**+The Doxology**

**+Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending Out into the World***

**+Hymn of Commitment – SH# 58 “Joy to the World”**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**

**Postlude**

**+ Please stand as you are able**

**+ Today we are “Live Streaming”**

We are happy you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to know more about us, please ask. We love to share the Unity story. Clip boards in Vestibule.

Please sign the visitor book in the vestibule so we can have a record of your visit.

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