



**WHITNEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Boise, Idaho**

10:00 a.m.

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

*GATHERING SONG & CANDLE LIGHTING

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”
UMH #240

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Daryl

CHORAL INTROIT

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Johnna Dunten, liturgist

L: In the midst of the barren land,

P: flowers burst into bloom.

L: In the midst of the dry desert,

P: streams of water gush forth.

L: In the midst of sorrow and sighing,

P: joy and gladness dance together.

L: We shall see the glory of God!

*OPENING SONG

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
vs. 1, 2, 6 & 7, UMH #211

OPENING PRAYER

God of Glory, we rejoice in the good news of your promises. Come into our parched world and shower us with your gushing, abundant water of life. Enter into our brokenness, and renew us with the strength of your love. Be born anew in our hearts and in our world. Come, Jesus; come. We are ready! Amen.

SONG

“When God Is a Child”

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Charles & Tina,
Jessica & Zoe Owusu-Ansah

Response:

Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that this is how you made us: you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Isaiah 35:1-10, Matthew 11:2-11

SERMON

“Tidings of Joy”
Rev. Daryl Blanksma

*HYMN

“Joy to the World”
UMH #246

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

tune: God Rest You Merry

*OFFERING PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
UMH #196

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Becca Taylor

Assisting in Worship Today:

Liturgist: Johnna Dunten

Band Director: Kevin Daniel

Usher: Bill Slupe

Sound: Bert Allen

Nursery: Lorrie Baer

Visuals: Rich Keefe

Pianist: Juli Draney

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11

Whitney UMC Family Event for December

For December, we are planning a pizza, game, ornament making, and hot chocolate night! This will be held at the church on December 17 at 4:30 pm.

Christmas Eve Worship - December 24, 4:00 pm

Join us for a night of wonder and joy as we celebrate the good news of Emmanuel, God with us. Pastor Daryl's sermon is: "Christmas Is For You." This service will be live-streamed.

Christmas Day Worship - December 25, 10:00 am

Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. Our worship will be more informal than usual and includes lots of Christmas Carols. We are giving our tech folks a break and a chance to sit in worship with their families, so the service will not be live-streamed.

Joseph's Closet Holiday Hours

On Sat, December 24, Joseph's Closet will be closed due to the holiday. The following week on December 31, Joseph's Closet will stay open.

Upcoming Events

- December 17 – Whitney Family Event, 4:30 pm
- December 20 – Celia Cowen Circle, 1:00 pm
- December 24 – Joseph’s Closet is closed
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship, 4:00 pm
- January 8 – All Church Meeting, following Worship

Weekly Happenings

- Practical Scripture, Sundays at 8:30 am, Room 6
- Children’s Sunday School, during worship every other Sunday: November 27 and December 11
- Bible Study, Sundays 15 mins following worship, Room 6
- Prayer and Share Group, Wednesdays at 1:30 pm, meets via Zoom
- Shawlers meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 2:00 pm at the church
- WEPRAY, Fridays at 11:00 am contact Shelley Cooper for meeting information
- Community Dinner, 3rd Friday at 5:30 pm
- Saturday Lunch, every Saturday, 10:30 am – noon



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