

The Chapel in the Pines

December 15, 2024

**Serving our Community by Preaching, Teaching,
and Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

The Third Sunday of Advent



**The flowers on the Communion table this week
are given to the Glory of God by Lydia Litteral
in loving memory of her sister Gina Sordino.**

Gathering Music

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude

The Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Invocation

**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 and ever...Amen.**

*The Call to Worship

Adapted from Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!
Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.

Selah

Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!
Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.

Selah

Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!
**Surely God blesses and saves us.
Hallelujah! Praise be to God.**

The congregation singing...

**Re-joyce in the Lord al-ways, a-gain I say re-joyce!
Re-joyce in the Lord al-ways, a-gain I say re-joyce!
Re-joyce, re-joyce, a-gain I say re-joyce!
Re-joyce, re-joyce, a-gain I say re-joyce!**

*The Words of Thanksgiving and Praise

Adapted from Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely God is our salvation!
We will trust in the Lord and not be afraid,
for the Eternal is our strength and our song.
**With joy in our hearts,
we will drink deeply from the springs of salvation
and on that day we will sing for joy!**

Give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name.
**Spread the news throughout the world
of what the Lord has done.**

Sing praises to the Eternal!
Everyone, everywhere should know that God acts in amazing ways.

You who live in this God-blessed place, this Zion, shout out and sing for joy!
**For God is great, and God is here—
with us and around us—the Holy One of Israel.**



***Hymn** #1 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father Christ, our Brother—
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Amen.

The grace and peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ be with you all...
and, also with you!

The Passing of the Welcome Pads

The Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy Philippians 4:4-7
*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God.*

Hymn #120 *The Advent of Our God*

**The Ad-vent of our God with ea-ger hearts we greet.
And we must praise Him in this hour
with hymns and an-thems sweet.**

**All glo-ry to the Son, who comes to set us free.
With Fa-ther, Spir-it, ev-er One
through all e-ter-ni-ty.**

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Old Testament

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The Call to the Offering

The Offertory

***The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***The Prayer of Dedication**

A Reading from the New Testament

Luke 3:7-18

John said...“You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

...Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees”... And the crowds asked him,

“What then should we do?”

The Homily Advent and Christmas Joy

The Prayers of the People

The Choir’s Anthem

The Eucharist

***Hymn** #228 Rejoice, the Lord is King

***The Charge and Benediction**

***The Choir’s Choral Benediction**

***The Postlude**



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jack Madden, Judy Karp, Phil Westerman, Nancy Cecchini, PPatty and Jack Madden, Judy Karp, Phil Westerman, Nancy Cecchini, Phyllis Mahin, Gerry Crow, Holli Schweyher, Rev. Gary Sawtelle, David Tourt, Baby Owen Daniels, Roger Racster, Walter Hundley, Janet Hege- man, Jean Schmidt, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Dick Barry, Jackie White, Paul Infuso, Noah Presley, Tom Early, Cindy Hess, Lyn Garbarino, Jim Robinson, Carol Dunn, Mary Faas, Dapte Jay Kirit, Dwight and Faye Jessup, Baby Kendrick Goins, George Restrepo, Cathy Pope, Gary McCaskill, Rev. Bill Cain, and Maggie Craft.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Rev. Charles Hinson, Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Butch & Mary Kay Allen, Glenda and Jo Clendenin, Mary Tuft, Phil Thingstad, Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill, Ma- ma Dot, Mary Willetts, Bob Tourt, Lee Connelly, Kathy Steele, Shirley Percival, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Peggy Olson, Sue Van Horne, and Bart Reuter.

December Announcements

Looking Ahead!

Sunday-December 15	9:00 am	The Third Sunday of Advent/Joy
	3:30 pm	Advent Afternoons—The Redemption of Scrooge
Wednesday-December 18	4:00 pm	Chapel Choir Practice
	4:30 pm	Christmas Cantata Practice
Saturday-December 21	3:30 pm	Chapel Christmas Cantata
Sunday-December 22	9:00 am	The Fourth Sunday of Advent/Love
	3:30 pm	Advent Afternoons—The Redemption of Scrooge
Sunday-December 22	6:00 pm	Christmas Cantata @ Bensalem Presbyterian
Tuesday-December 24	4:00 pm	Carols, Candles & Communion
Wednesday-December 25		Merry Christmas!
Sunday-December 29	9:00 am	Lessons and Carols
Wednesday-January 1		Happy New Year! Welcome 2025

Coffee Fellowship



December

12-15 Sue Dell'Acqua & Helen Scholl
12-22 **Volunteer Needed**
12-29 **Volunteer Needed**

Altar Flowers

December

12-15 Lydia Litteral
12-22 Alice McPheeters
12-24 Gisela Danielson
Amy Collins
Sandi Keyser
12-29 Shirley Madison



Anniversaries

December

Wednesday—18

Dave & Mimi Giannini



Birthdays

December

Tuesday—17

Tuesday—17

Joseph Laton

John Moses



The Chapel in the Pines Advent Schedule for 2024



Sunday, December 1

Worship on the First Sunday of Advent - Hope 9:00
Advent Daily Devotions begin by email

The Redemption of Scrooge Bible Study invites the congregation 1:30
to the showing of the 1984 film version of *A Christmas Carol*.
Popcorn and Fellowship are free for all.

The Redemption of Scrooge Bible Study 3:30
Session #1 - *Bah! Humbug!*

Thursday, December 5

A Service of Darkness to Light with Holy Communion 4:00
Followed by a Soup, Bread, and Dessert Covered-Dish Supper

Sunday, December 8

Worship on the Second Sunday of Advent - Peace 9:00

The Redemption of Scrooge Bible Study 3:30
Session #2 - *The Remembrance of Christmas Past*

Sunday, December 15

Worship on the Third Sunday of Advent - Joy 9:00
Holy Communion

The Redemption of Scrooge Bible Study 3:30
Session #3 - *The Life of Christmas Present*

Saturday, December 21

Christmas Cantata - *Beautiful Star* - Chapel in the Pines 3:30

Sunday, December 22

Worship on the Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love 9:00

The Redemption of Scrooge Bible Study 3:30
Session #4 - *The Hope of Christmas Future*

Christmas Cantata - *Beautiful Star* - Bensalem Presbyterian 6:00

Tuesday, December 24

A Christmas Eve Service of Carols, Candles, and Communion 4:00

