

David & Crissi Stuckey

**Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together**



*Siberian Solstice*

Welcome to



**“The Church on  
the Corner Whose  
Cornerstone is Christ”**

*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word, preaching salvation through believing in Christ as Savior. We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.*

# Welcome to our Worship of God! Third Sunday of Advent

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

*Please offer a prayer for yourself, those around you, and those leading worship.*

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

*The lighted candles symbolize God's presence, and Christ, the Light of the World.*

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Isaiah 35:1-10 (p. 709)

Prelude

“Silent Night”

The Nativity Scene – The Stable – #157, verse 1

“Away in a Manger”

†Litany of Revelation

L: How wondrous! A new heaven and a new earth!

**P: *The old, dark and damaged, fearful and alienated, will pass away.***

L: In its place God will bring new hope and peace.

**P: *God will dwell with His people forevermore.***

L: So we worship the Lord who promises to do a new thing.

**P: *Praise God who establishes God's reign in the heart of God's people.***

L: When the new day of the Lord is established, what a joyful day that will be!

**P: *God shall wipe away every tear!***

L: Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more.

**P: *For God will bring new life and hope on the day of God's coming.***

L: God will give water to the thirsting soul.

**P: *They who overcome will inherit, for God will be their God and they will be His children. Amen.***

†Hymn of Joy – bulletin, page 4

“Joy in the Morning”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Candle of Joy

The Rutledge Family

Responsive Carol – page 7, third verse

“Now It's Time to Light the Candle”

Special Music

Andrew Rohrs

“Greensleeves” (“What Child is This?”)

## Children's Christmas Program

Processional Carol – #145, verses 1 & 3

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Preschool Class

“J-E-S-U-S”

“Happy Birthday”

First Grade through Sixth Grade Program

“Star Trip: Our Faith Awakens”

## Cast

Only One Kenobi – Ethan Krukowski

Yoma – Harrison Rohrs

Luke Skywatcher – Kaenen Helberg

Speaker & Bible Reader #1 – Kennedy Hurst

Speaker #2 – Klaire Kern; Bible Reader #2 – Klaire Kern; Narrator #2 – Ava Genter

Speaker #3 – Courtney Stuckey; Bible Reader #3 – Camryn Stuckey

Narrator - #3 – Evynn Roth

Speaker #4 – Kennedy Hurst; Bible Reader #4 – Maci Martz; Narrator #4 – Ava Genter

Speaker #5 – Brienna Grime; Bible Reader #5 – Ali Genter

Choir – Carson Baden, Alec Genter, Ames Genter, Eyan Krukowski,

Charlotte Meyer, Grant Cover, Jude Rutledge

Directors – Lynne Stuckey, David Stuckey

King Herod – Avery Roth

Herod's Advisor – Cagnée Grime

Mary – Molly Rutledge

Narrator #1 – Emma Krukowski

Advent Song – Praise Band

“Hope Was Born This Night”

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-8

Advent Message

“One Solitary Life”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

†The Doxology and Unison Prayer of Dedication – *Gracious Giver of all gifts, let your generosity so flow through us, that our lives and these offerings will be gifts given freely and abundantly in joy and thanksgiving. Amen.*

†Closing Carol – #133

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #136, verse 6

“The First Noel”

†Postlude

The Christian Education Team continues the long-standing tradition of passing out apples after the Children's Christmas Program! One per person will be available as you leave the sanctuary this morning! Enjoy, and Merry Christmas!



## Welcome . . .

### Guests and Visitors

Welcome, welcome, welcome, to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together and enjoy fellowship. We hope you have felt God's love in a new, refreshing way. So that our pastor may follow up with you, please fill out one of the pew cards and drop it in the offering plate later in the service.

### Mother's Room / Diaper Changing Station / Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located near our sanctuary – ask an usher for its location. A diaper changing station is in our nursery room just down the hallway from our sanctuary. Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children.

# Joy In The Morning

Words and Music by  
Natalie Sleeth

Fm C Bbm/F Fm Bbm/F Fm Cm7 Fm

1. There'll be joy in the morn - ing on that day, there'll be  
 2. There'll be peace and con - tent - ment ev - er - more, there'll be  
 3. There'll be love and for - give - ness ev - 'ry - where, there'll be

3 Fm Bbm/F Fm Db/F Ab C Fm Bbm Eb Ab

joy in the morn - ing on that day, for the day - light will dawn when the  
 peace and con - tent - ment ev - er - more, ev - 'ry heart, ev - 'ry voice on that  
 love and for - give - ness ev - 'ry - where, and the way of the Lord will that

6 Db G°/Bb C Bbm7 Cm Db Cm Fm

dark - ness is gone, there'll be joy in the morn - ing on that day.  
 day will re - joice, there'll be peace and con - tent - ment ev - er - more.  
 day be re - stored, there'll be love and for - give - ness ev - 'ry - where.

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**Congregational Prayer** – I pray for the children of our church, Lord. I thank you for blessing us with their presence in our church family, and for their reminding us of the Christmas story in our worship. I pray for each of these children, that their celebrations of Christmas will include thanking you for Jesus. Lord, I pray for the teachers and leaders involved in our children’s ministries, for the ones serving now and for those who have yet to volunteer. May you continue to raise up amongst us servants with a heart for children, to bless them in Christ. Thank you for the joy of children and the joy of Christmas! Amen.

## WEEK OF December 15 At St. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Children's Program Practice (Sanctuary)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Seeker's (Foote's)
	7:00PM	Caroling at Fairlawn (SYF)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tues	7:15AM	YFC Bible Study (AMS)
	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Meal by Archbold Evangelical Church)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	8:00PM	JYF Hand Bell Rehearsal No SYF
Thurs	10:00AM	Preschool Christmas Party - Tues/Th. am Classes (Parish Hall & Parlor)
	2:00PM	Preschool Christmas Party - Tues/Th. pm Classes (Parish Hall & Parlor)
Fri	10:00AM	Preschool Christmas Party - M/W/F am Classes (Parish Hall & Parlor)
	2:00PM	Preschool Christmas Party - M/W/F pm Classes (Parish Hall & Parlor)
Sat	10:30AM	Private Party (Parish Hall)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School/Faith Village
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### Next Sunday – December 22, 2019

Sermon – “Mr. & Mrs. Apathy” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – Revelation 3:14-21

**Offering Envelopes** are available for pick up in the sanctuary narthex. If you do not find a box with your name on it, please let the office know.

**Discovery Daily Devotional Guides** – Discovery Daily Bible Guides are available in the literature rack outside the Associate Pastor's office (suggested donation \$6 each).

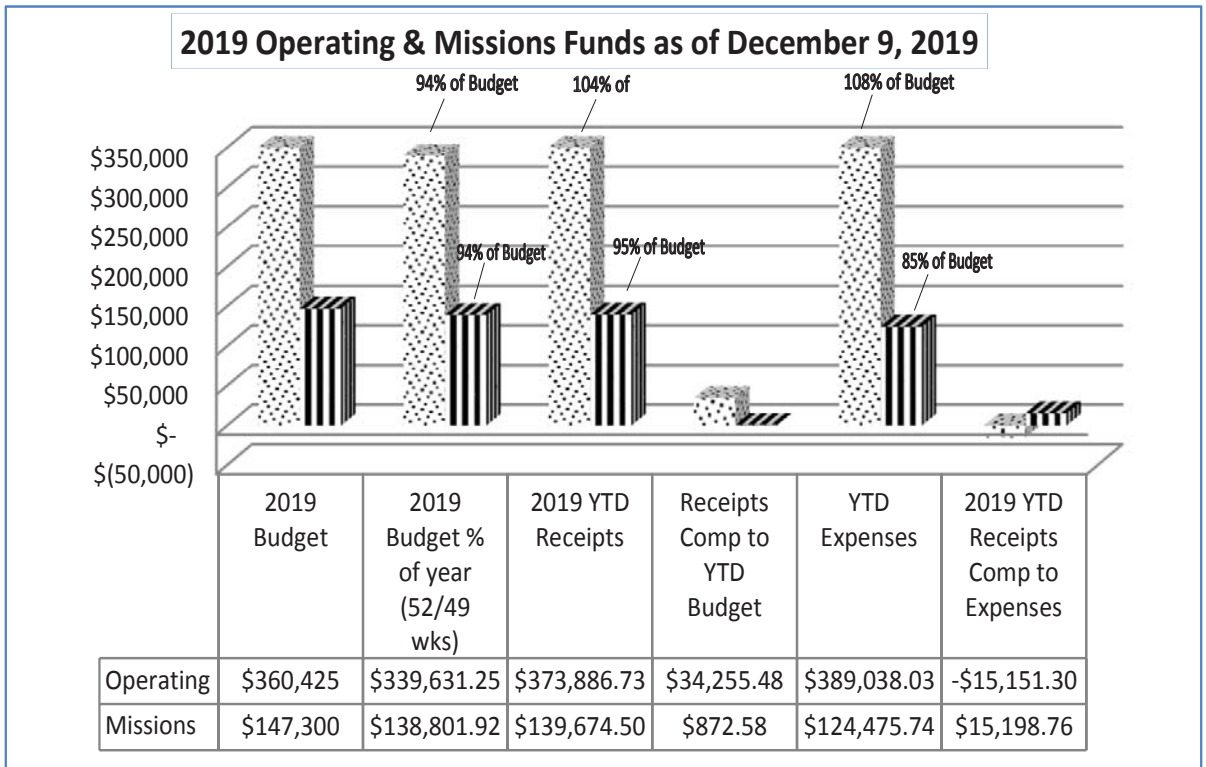
You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading%20Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

December 16 - A Miracle Baby.....	Luke 1:1-25
December 17 - The Angel and the Virgin.....	Luke 1:26-38
December 18 - Blessed.....	Luke 1:39-45
December 19 - A Vocabulary for Prayer.....	Luke 1:46-56
December 20 - Godly Gossip.....	Luke 1:57-66
December 21 - Sunrise.....	Luke 1:67-80
December 22 - Set Free.....	Psalm 32

## 2020 Community Meals

We're about to commence serving these meals for the 10th year! In 2019, an average of 188 people enjoyed food and fellowship each week. The meals are served on Tuesdays, from 5pm to 6pm. The meals are held at SJCC from January through March and July through September and at Zion Mennonite Church April through June and October through December. That means the meals are coming back to SJCC beginning on January 7th, so once again we are praying for and seeking volunteers to help set up before, serve during and clean up after each meal, as well as serve on one of our meal teams.

Meal teams from SJCC will serve up to 12 meals throughout the year, being responsible to choose the menu, purchase the ingredients (using budgeted funds), prepare the meal, serve the meal, and help clean up from the meal. We need people to help with table set-up (either on Monday afternoon/evening or Tuesday afternoon) and table take-down (Tuesday evenings), as well as sweeping the floor. We rely on a team of 5 to 8 to help with bussing tables, washing dishes, washing pots and pans, and putting everything away. Volunteers can serve however they want – once a month, four times a month, with just the tables, just the serving or just the cleanup. Talk with Pastor Erich if you're interested!



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of December 9, 2019 - \$761,059.67

# Now It's Time to Light the Candle

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

Martha Spong, 2015

Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 100. It features a treble and bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. The score is divided into three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb).

♩ = 100

Now it's time to light the can-dle, Soon God's prom - ise will be here.  
Now it's time to light the can-dle, Mes - sen - gers pre-pare the way.  
Now it's time to light the can-dle, In God's name we will re - joice.  
Now it's time to light the can-dle, Shin - ing love in Je - sus' name.

Young and old we wait to - geth - er For the Sav - ior draw - ing near.  
Wolf and lamb lie down to - geth - er; Right - eous - ness marks God's new day.  
Bells and or - gan play to - geth - er, We will shout in one loud voice!  
When all peo - ple join to - geth - er Earth will nev - er be the same.

Light will o - ver - come the dark - ness: See the hope the Christ Child brings.  
Light will o - ver - come the dark - ness: Live the peace the Christ Child brings.  
Light will o - ver - come the dark - ness: Sing the joy the Christ Child brings.  
Light will o - ver - come the dark - ness: Be the love the Christ Child brings.

## Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- The Family of Irene Short (Ralph & Bonnie Grieser, Craig & Jenny & Hannah & Josie Grieser) upon Irene's entering into eternal life on Tuesday morning. Visitation will be at the Fairlawn Chapel on Monday from 1pm to 3pm, with the service at 3pm.
- Emma Hall underwent hip surgery on Wednesday in Dublin. Pray for patience and healing, and for a continual positive outlook. Pray for Emma, and Vond & Mary.
- Jack Stover continues to recover from his recent stroke.
- Sue Ruffer continues to recover from her fall, which resulted in outpatient elbow surgery.
- Audrey Smith is a patient at the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center.
- Mike Henry has received word that due to issues with his health, the kidney transplant process has been stopped at this point. Pray for his healing, his patience and for perseverance. Please also pray for the donor's peace, as he had been through several tests already.
- Toni Neuenschwander is recovering from surgery to repair a broken elbow.
- Jodi Beltz is recovering from surgery to repair a ligament in one of her fingers.
- Ella Yoder continues in the healing process following arm surgery.

## Armed Forces/Home Bound/Care Center

- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Alaska (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Kohl Collins, at Ft. Benning Georgia (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kyle Ducey, at Suffolk, VA (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, Washington D.C. (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- Eric Magg, at Ketchikan, Alaska (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Shayne & Taylor Pitts, at Bolling AFB, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- David Richardson, in Marine boot camp (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Joshua Richardson, at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Steve Schink, at Port Angeles, WA (Coast Guard) (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- AJ Short, at 29 Palms, California (Marines) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Kyle Stuckey, at Killeen, Texas (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kollin Woolace, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Grandson of Larry & Melva).

## Today's Worship Servants

Acolyte	Tyler Wyse
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker
	Tom & Laura Johnson, Bill & Kathy Bostelman
Nursery Staff	Josh & Kasey Grime (Dec. 22) Eric & Anna Yoder
Sound Tech	James Grime
Video Tech	Dean Sauder
Song Leader	Mike Meyer
Computer Tech	Tom Hines
Accompanist	Buffy Riley

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