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and Archer Huisenga

### Weekly Prayer List

Margery Arnold;  
Nathan & Julia Arnold;  
Peter Beck;  
Russell Beck: Nicholas;  
Thomas & Barb Beck;  
Brian & Pat Bentley

### Happy Birthday this week

Christ Minske;  
Rosalind Shore;  
Glenn Moen;  
Patricia Raetz;  
David Ihrke;  
Carol Harvey



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If you have any pastoral care needs (in the hospital, illness, home care, etc.)  
or know of someone who does, please inform the church office ~ 451-4734.  
(The hospital does not call the church).

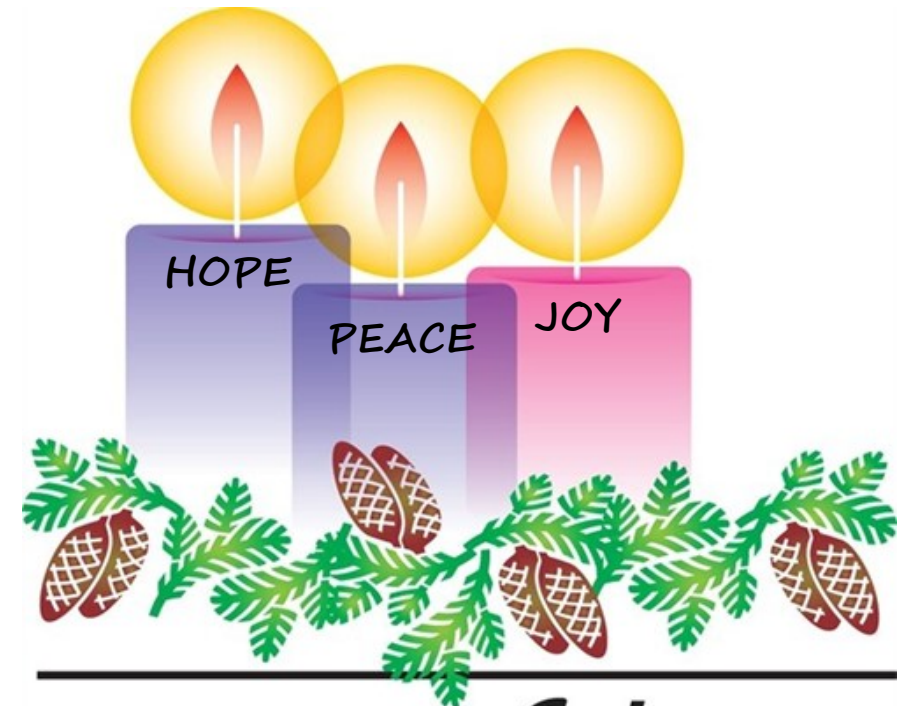
To watch from home, “Like” our Facebook page, and watch the service live  
at 9:00 a.m. on **Facebook Live**.

Also available 24-7 on [www.owatonnalive.com](http://www.owatonnalive.com)  
and click on the picture of United Methodist Church.

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Welcome to all visitors. When you are signing your name and address on the registration  
pad, **please** include your phone number ~ especially if you are new to our community.

**December 15, 2024**  
~Third Sunday of Advent~



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THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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***Owatonna United Methodist Church***

**We are called to . . .**

**Gather in Christ's Name,  
Grow in God's Love,  
Serve All People.**

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# The Order of Worship

Third Sunday of Advent, December 15th, 2024-9:00a.m.

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Prelude	<i>Once in David's Royal City</i>	arr. Gordon Young
† Welcome and Announcements		
Centering Words		
Centering Hymn	<i>You Are My Hiding Place</i>	Black #2055
Lighting of the Advent Candle	<b>Joy</b>	Screen
Hymn	<i>Light the Advent Candle, vs. 1, 2 &amp; 3</i>	Black #2090
Call to Worship:		
L: Children of God, our world is full of the fruit of humanity's greed, apathy and neglect for the love of God, neighbor, self and all creation.		
<b>P: What, then, should we do?</b>		
L: Our world is also full of the fruit of God's love that wells up all around us, sustaining us, saving us and reviving us to live as the people of God.		
<b>P: What, then, should we do?</b>		
L: God encircles us on every side. Love divine is present with us in creation, in community and in the anticipated arrival of the infant Emmanuel. What then, children of God, should you do?		
<b>All: We will live in joyful presence with God and neighbor, turning away from sin and toward a life with God and one another marked by joy, justice and mercy. Amen.</b>		
Opening Prayer:		
<b>Eternal Creator, each moment of life with you is filled with wonder and surprise. Make us watchful as we await the coming of Christ. May we not be found sleeping in sin, but awake and rejoicing in your newness of life. Through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.</b>		
Passing the Peace		
* Hymn of Praise	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	Red #216

\* Please stand as you are able.

† Welcome to all visitors. Everyone please sign and pass the attendance register, and please join us for a social time after the service.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Prayer of Confession:

**Creator of all, we stand amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world. Amen.**

~Silent confession~

Words of Assurance		
Chancel Choir Anthem	<i>People, Look East</i>	arr. John Leavitt
Children's Message		
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 12: 2-6	
* Hymn of Response	<i>He Is Exalted</i>	Black #2070
Gospel Reading	Luke 3: 7-18	
L: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us:		
<b>P: Thanks be to God, Amen!</b>		
Message	"Presence"	Pastor Lisa Vick
* Hymn of Response	<i>Down By the Jordan</i>	Screen
Joys and Concerns		
Pastor's Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		Screen
Offering		
* Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	Red #95
Offering Prayer		
* Closing Hymn	<i>Maker, in Whom We Live</i>	Red #88
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>From Heaven Above</i>	arr. Wilbur Held