HANDBELL ANTHEM	Soliloquy on "Silent Night"	arr. Leonard G. Lutz
A TIME OF PRAYER		
Choral Call to Pra		No. 229
Prayer/Lord's Pra Choral Response		No. 229
CHORAL ANTHEM	Comfort and Joy	Joel RaNey
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 12:2-6 Luke 1:39-56	
HYMN (remain seated)	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	No. 216
SERMON	A SONG IN THE SOUL: Re Joy Receives	ev. Mary Birgelaitis
OFFERING		
	The Holly and the Ivy	Traditional/arr. Cindy Berry
*CLOSING HYMN	Angels We Have Heard on High	No. 238
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	Angels We Have Heard on High (refrai Ioria, in excelsis deo. Gloria, in excelsis	
POSTLUDE	What Child is This? Trad. Englis	h melody/arr. Dan Coates
*Please stand as able.		

Today's Scripture

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Luke 1:39-56

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizbeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy , according to the promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Today's Líturgíst: Joyce Síngelman

	GIVING	ATTENDANCE					
HOSPITALITY TIME							
Today's Hosts:		TOTAL	VIDEO	IN-PERSON	10:30	8:30	WEEK
TRUSTEES Next Sunday	\$ 2,214	177	40	137	78	59	11/17
	\$ 2,040	111	26	85	48	37	11/24
	\$ 9,553	104	24	80	50	30	12/01
Dec. 22	n/a	80	4	78	44	34	12/08
MISSION TEAM	Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,321 STEWARDSHIP REPORT: n/a						

Music Director: Julia Burns Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon	Dec 16	6PM Gerry's Quilt Class-CH.	
		9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Sew & Sews-MMR, 11:00	<u>Abbreviaton</u> Legend
Tue	Dec 17	AM Chair Yoga- CH, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-Handbell Room.	CHCriswell Hall
Mad.	Dec 19	0 AM Church Work Marning CLL	SSanctuary
Wed	Dec 18	9 AM Church Work Morning-CH 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 11 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 4:00 PM Children's Center Board-MMR, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR,	KKitchen LLibrary Room #123
Thu	Dec 19	6:00 PM Chancel Choir-Sanctuary.	MMRMcMillen Room #113
Fri	Dec 20	10:30 AM UWF Book Club-Library.	PSPastor's Study
Sun	Dec 22	8:30 AM Contemporary Service-Sanctuary. 10:30 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary.	HRHandbell Room #115



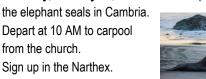


The ANGEL TREE is set up in Criswell Hall! The gifts are due no later than 12/18/24 by noon. They can be brought to the tree or to the church office with prior notice.





Saturday, January 25, 11 AM Fellowship Ministry visit to





For information on flower dedications and ordering altar flowers.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!" ---Luke 1:46b-47

PRELUDE	Bethlehem Morning	Morris Chapman/arr. Melody Bober
INTROIT	How Great Our Joy	John Rutter
HANDBELL INTROIT	Appalachian Christmas	arr. Douglas E. Wagner
THE CALL TO WORSHIP		

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December 15, 2024

Sing for joy. We rejoice in Christ's love. Pray with hope. Our hope rests in God alone. Journey with trust. God's Spirit is guiding our way.

***OPENING HYMN** There's a Song in the Air verses 1-3 No. 249

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENINNG PRAYER

Come. Lord Jesus. Come into our lives and renew us. Where there is hatred, heal us with love. Where there is discord, calm us with peace. Where there is sin, cover us with grace. Where there is despair, strengthen our hope. In your blessed name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

The Candle of Joy

(congregation sings "Away in the Manger" as children come forward)

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve



birth of the Christ child.

