

**FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 13, 2020 9:30am**

The worship service will be on Zoom and YouTube at the same time.

Click the link below

<https://zoom.us/j/3668856897>

Meeting ID: 366 885 6897 password 981708

OR

Click below and join us live on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVB37Jz0kuISFONSnA6Za5Q>

You may subscribe to Joseph Ewoodzie YouTube channel

GREETINGS/WELCOME

LITURGIST: Shanna Wurth

SINGER: Sharon Lensky

CHURCH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP TIME

- Welcome first-time worshippers
- Share God's Blessings with each other
- Announcements
- Prayers of the joys and concerns

Welcome all our Zoom & YouTube worshippers. Please send us your contact information to pastorjoseph@farmingdaleumc.org and visit our website farmingdaleumc.org

GOD IS GOOD, I AM A WITNESS, YOU ARE A WITNESS, WE ARE WITNESSES

We want to share God's blessings with you, You are loved

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is sharing God's unconditional love by serving our neighbors, connecting with all God's children in Christian fellowship and providing safe spaces for everyone to grow in faith and love.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Trust in God who is our strength and life.

Give thanks to God, the source of our salvation.

We will sing praises and exalt God' name.

With joyous shouts, we will tell of God's glorious deeds.

Rejoice in God, whatever your circumstances.

Remember the good fortune God has shared with you.

We will not worry as we seek God's peace.

We open our hearts and minds to God's leading.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Sometimes on our journey, our feet get heavy, our shoulders feel burdened, and our hearts seem slow. Sometimes in the preparation, the busyness overwhelms us, and we get lost in the doing and the planning and the running. And what we lose is a sense of why. Why do we do all of this? Why is this journey necessary? And the answer is simple: for the joy of it. We forget the joy when we get caught up in the to-do lists. We forget the joy when we worry more about how things look than connecting with others.

We light the candles of peace and hope and joy to light our way as we journey.

(Light three candles on the wreath.)

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that God may teach us the ways of peace and hope and joy.

CONGREGATION:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee O Israel

INVOCATION

Loving God, we rejoice in this season of anticipation as we remember Your promises and look forward to ways that You reveal Yourself to us. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, we confess our worry and anxiety over unimportant matters. We admit the fears that make us defensive instead of loving. We acknowledge our resentment over losses we have sustained and oppression we have suffered. Re-establish Your rule among us, we pray, and save us from ourselves. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God has good news of freedom for oppressed and captive people, of comfort for the brokenhearted and mourning ones.

HYMN "Joy to the World" MHB 246 (vrs 1)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Hymnal p. 39
Olivia Faith Philbin (daughter of Christopher & Ashley Philbin)

HYMN "Joy to the World" MHB 246 (vrs 2)

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

SERMON "Re-imagine the Joy Symbol" Pastor Ewoodzie

OFFERTORY

WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES & OFFERINGS

Pledges, Tithes, offerings, and donations are being received by mail.

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Our electronic giving with Tithe.ly is now active and ready for use.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER Let us pray (unison)

While we are waiting and preparing for Christ to appear, we are seeking, O God, to act as faithful followers. May these gifts offer hope to all whose suffering and loss seem too heavy to bear. May our church be a listening, caring presence for all its members, and through us for all those we meet in our work and leisure. Amen.

HYMN "Joy to the World" MHB 246 (vrs 4)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

- **CHURCH CONFERENCE** will take place on **Sunday, January 3rd at 10:30am**, following the 9:30 worship service.
- **BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays 10:30am** with Pastor Joseph will take place on Zoom. The theme is *“Faith & the Pandemic: Spiritual Lessons Learned”*. Click the Zoom link above to join.
- **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:** 7:00pm Lessons & Carols ♦ 10:30pm Candlelight Service
- **LADIES’ SMALL GROUP** meets Friday evenings 7:30 via Zoom (link above). Questions contact *Betty Gastelua* or *Shanna Wurth*.
- **MEN’S BIBLE STUDY** meets Saturdays from 8:00am-9:00am