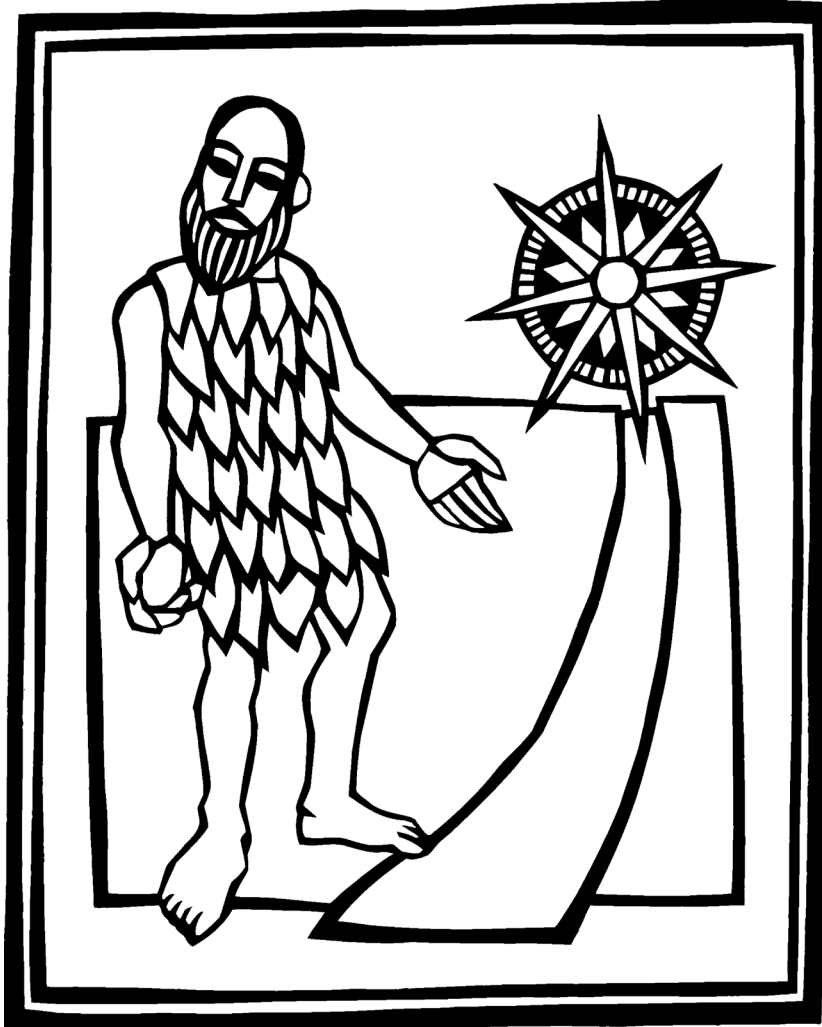


Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ



Third Sunday of Advent
Dec 11, 2022
9:30 a.m.



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Welcome

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by worshipping with you. There's also a "prayerground" area in the back of the sanctuary and a nursery/cry room behind that on the back left side. We pray that worshipping together as a family is a meaningful experience!

For Those Needing Hearing Assistance

Please ask an usher about our hearing assistance devices to enhance your worship experience.

Holy Communion

Christ is truly present with us in worship and through this meal. All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion here at Good Soil. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Key:

Bold Font – Spoken by the Congregation

Regular Font – Spoken by the Pastor or Worship Assistant

† – Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit.

*Please Note: In an effort to protect those who are vulnerable, **masking is strongly recommended**. In addition, the first four rows of pews on the left side of the sanctuary are reserved as a “masking only” section (for those who wish to be in close proximity only with others who are masking).*

Third Sunday of Advent

A note of joyful expectation marks today’s worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God’s reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ’s advent among us.

Prelude

Welcome

Ring of the Bell and Silent Reflection

† Call to Worship

One: When the sun rises what shall we sing?

All: “My soul magnifies the Lord.”

One: And when chaos and violence echo on the screen?

All: “My soul magnifies the Lord.”

One: For our God is a God of justice and peace.

All: “My soul magnifies the Lord.”

One: So when all is wrong, or all is right,

All: “My soul magnifies the Lord.”

One: Yes, when all is wrong, or all is right,

**All: We will sing with joy and delight,
Of the God of justice and love and peace.**
One: "My soul magnifies the Lord."

**Gathering Hymn: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn
ELW 242 vs 1, 2, & 4**

- 1 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door
and lives now inside us forever.
- 2 To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll
to shatter all hatred and blindness.
- 4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.

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The assembly is greeted with words used by Paul in 2nd Corinthians to greet churches. The assembly also greets the presiding minister in return. It is a moment of mutuality that signifies trust, love, mutual service, and a shared hope in God.

† Greeting


The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie Eleison means “Lord have mercy.” Chanting is an ancient practice of the church.

† Kyrie




In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.

† Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 (CEB translation)

To put this reading into context:

The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.

Hear now the reading:

35 The desert and the dry land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom like the crocus.

² They will burst into bloom,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

They will receive the glory of Lebanon,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon.

They will see the LORD's glory,
the splendor of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and support the unsteady knees.

⁴ Say to those who are panicking:

“Be strong! Don't fear!

Here's your God,

coming with vengeance;

with divine retribution

God will come to save you.”

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,
and the ears of the deaf will be cleared.

⁶ Then the lame will leap like the deer,
and the tongue of the speechless will sing.

Waters will spring up in the desert,
and streams in the wilderness.

⁷ The burning sand will become a pool,
and the thirsty ground, fountains of water.

The jackals' habitat, a pasture;
grass will become reeds and rushes.

⁸ A highway will be there.

It will be called The Holy Way.

The unclean won't travel on it,

but it will be for those walking on that way.
Even fools won't get lost on it;
⁹ no lion will be there,
and no predator will go up on it.
None of these will be there;
only the redeemed will walk on it.
¹⁰ The LORD's ransomed ones will return and enter Zion with
singing,
with everlasting joy upon their heads.
Happiness and joy will overwhelm them;
grief and groaning will flee away.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Luke 1:46b-55 "The Magnificat" (read responsively)

^{46b} My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
⁴⁷ my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ **for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.**
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
⁴⁹ you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.
⁵⁰ **You have mercy on those who revere you,**
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ You have shown strength with your arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
⁵² **casting down the mighty from their thrones**
and lifting up the lowly.
⁵³ You have filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ **You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,**
to remember the promise of mercy,
⁵⁵ the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children forever.

We welcome the gospel by singing the Gospel Acclamation. We rise, if able, in anticipation of Christ being revealed to us through the Living Word of the Gospel.

**† Gospel Acclamation: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
ELW 254 v 1**

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

The Gospel is announced. Following the reading of the Gospel, we give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us through the Gospel reading.

† Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11 (CEB translation)

To put this reading into context:

John the Baptizer expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

² Now when John heard in prison about the things the Christ was doing, he sent word by his disciples to Jesus, asking, ³ "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

⁴ Jesus responded, "Go, report to John what you hear and see. ⁵ Those who were blind are able to see. Those who were crippled are walking. People with skin diseases are cleansed. Those who were deaf now hear. Those who were dead are raised up. The poor have good news proclaimed to them. ⁶ Happy are those who don't stumble and fall because of me."

⁷ When John’s disciples had gone, Jesus spoke to the crowds about John: “What did you go out to the wilderness to see? A stalk blowing in the wind? ⁸ What did you go out to see? A man dressed up in refined clothes? Look, those who wear refined clothes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ He is the one of whom it is written: Look, I’m sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way before you.
¹¹ “I assure you that no one who has ever been born is greater than John the Baptizer. Yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent Wreath Hymn: Wait for the Lord ELW 262

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
 Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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Children aged Pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to leave the service after the Children’s Sermon and attend the 1st part of Sunday School instruction. The 2nd part of Sunday School will take place after worship.

Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

Silence for reflection.

**† Hymn of the Day: O Lord, How Shall I Meet You
 ELW 241 vs 1, 3, & 4**

- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet you,
 how welcome you aright?
 Your people long to greet you,
 my hope, my heart's delight!
 Oh, kindle, Lord most holy,
 your lamp within my breast
 to do in spirit lowly
 all that may please you best.
- 3 Love caused your incarnation;
 love brought you down to me.
 Your thirst for my salvation
 procured my liberty.
 Oh, love beyond all telling,
 that led you to embrace
 in love, all love excelling,
 our lost and fallen race.
- 4 Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted,
 who sit in deepest gloom,
 who mourn your joys departed
 and tremble at your doom.
 All hail the Lord's appearing!
 O glorious Sun, now come,
 send forth your beams so cheering
 and guide us safely home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. composite

*As the church,
 we pray for
 those in our
 community
 and around the
 world. The
 prayers are
 also
 responsive,*

† Prayers of Intercession

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

*emphasizing
our own
participation.*

Gracious God, we rejoice in the gifts of your Spirit. Equip the global church to magnify your love and peace in every land. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Abundant God, we rejoice in your creation. Revive lands we have squandered and depleted. Make gardens flourish in cities and neighborhoods. Cleanse polluted air and water so living things may breathe, drink, and praise you. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**


Righteous God, we rejoice in your justice. End racism and oppression. Deliver all who are unjustly imprisoned or persecuted. Reconcile nations and peoples. Help us pray for our enemies. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, we rejoice in your compassion. Comfort any in distress especially Peter, Helen, Max, Jae, Jeff, Oakley, Andrew, Daryl, Mary, Scott, Jamie, Mark, Willie, Char, Jen, Rich, Marie, Jeanette . . . and those whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, we rejoice in your company. Give us calm and patient hearts as we gather with family and friends. Keep us mindful of those for whom this season is not happy. Console the grieving and surround them with loving support. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, we rejoice with Mary, Mother of our Lord, and with all the saints, that your mercy endures for all generations. Look with favor on those who have died and lead us to joyfully sing of your everlasting promises. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers.
Amen.

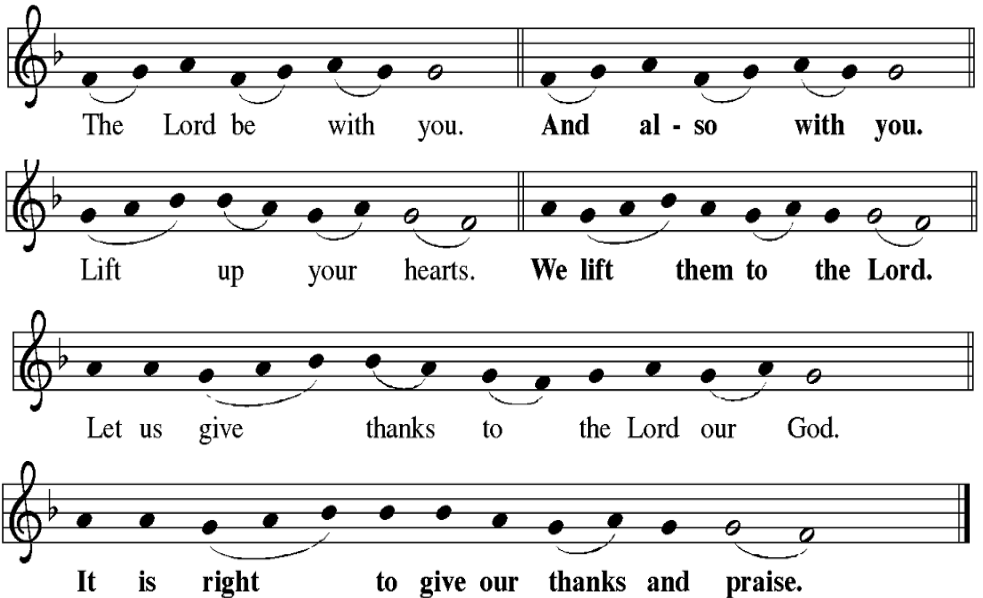
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.</i></p>	<p>† Passing of the Peace</p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always And also with you.</p> <p><i>The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.</i></p>
<p><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Meal</u> <i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>Offering</p> <p>God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, and your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil continue making an impact by giving today at www.goodsoillutheran.org/support or by using this QR code:</p> <p><i>Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don't take a picture. A link will appear to click on that will take you to Good Soil's support page.</i></p> 
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.</i></p>	<p>† Offering Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ELW 257 v 3</p> <p>3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p><i>Refrain</i> Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.</p>

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
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† Offering Prayer

Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.
Amen.

† Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

† Sanctus

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

† Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.

† Lord's Prayer (prayed by all)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

† Invitation to the Table

Be strong, take heart!
 Do not fear, here is your God.

† Communion

Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil. When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.”

Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding up front. You are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. The wine is red; grape juice is white. Communion cups can be returned at the end tables on your way back to your seat.

Communion Hymns:

My Soul Magnifies the Lord by Chris Tomlin

- 1 Good news of great joy
For ev'ry woman ev'ry man
This will be a sign to you
A baby born in Bethlehem
Come and worship do not be afraid

- 2 A company of angels
Glory in the highest
And on the earth a peace among
Those on whom His favor rests
Come and worship do not be afraid

Chorus

My soul my soul magnifies the Lord
My soul magnifies the Lord
He has done great things for me
Great things for me

3 Unto you a child is born
Unto us a Son is giv'n
Let ev'ry heart prepare His throne
Let ev'ry nation under Heav'n
Come and worship do not be afraid *Chorus*

4 Of His government there will be no end
He'll establish it with His righteousness
And He shall reign on David's throne
And His name shall be from this day on

Bridge

Wonderful Counselor
Everlasting Father
Wonderful Counselor and His name shall be
Everlasting Father oh yeah *Chorus*

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Hail to the Lord's Anointed ELW 311

1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
your reign on earth begun!
You come to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression
and rule in equity.

2 You come with rescue speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;

to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in your sight.

3 You shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in your path to birth.
Before you on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall fall down before you,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore you,
your praise all people sing.
To you shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
your kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

† Post-Communion Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

† Blessing of the Hats, Gloves, and Scarves for Trials for Hope

<p><i>With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world.</i></p>	<p>† Blessing</p> <p>God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, † bless you now and forever. Amen.</p>
<p><i>Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.</i></p>	<p>† Sending Hymn: Light Dawns on a Weary World ELW 726</p> <p>1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.</p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p> <p>The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing! We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.</p> <p>2 Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>3 Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p><small>Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953</small></p>

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<i>The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body—fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins!</i>	<p>† Dismissal</p> <p>Go in peace. Christ is near. Thanks be to God.</p>
	Postlude

You are warmly invited to participate in the congregational meeting immediately following worship and then stay for coffee hour down the hall from the sanctuary in the kitchen and lounge area.

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Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: The Rev. Marissa Harrison	Reader: Ellen Young
Ushers: Dave Blocksom and Bill Fink	Counters: Becky Williamson and Stan Zeager
Online Usher: Karen Sperli	Acolyte: Alexandra Inman



Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, Dec 11, 2022

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Peter Alexander; Helen Andrews; Max Bechtel; Jae, Jeff, and Oakley; Andrew Evatt; Ed Fink; Daryl and Mary Hanson, Jamie Lanter; Scott Krankowski, Mark Liston; Willie Lee, Char Mattson; Jen Mitterholzer; Rich Petrusky; Marie Sternad; Jeanette Weidlich

For those celebrating birthdays:
Sharon Hollowell (Dec 15)

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism:
Stan Zeager (Dec 11), Maddie Sburlea (Dec 12)

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the glory of God by Sharon Hollowell to celebrate our journey together through the season of Advent. "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." (Taize Community Hymn)

Celebrate with our communion kids! The following students participated in a communion instruction class last Sunday:

Zella Dormann	Edward Inman
Evan Lanter	Vivienne Smith
Edith Young	George Young

We celebrate this faith formation milestone with them and invite them and their families to commune first today!

Extra Worship Servants needed for Christmas Eve! We currently have 2 usher/greeters (Larry and Chris Jacobson) scheduled for the 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service, but we expect a packed house. We would like 2 extra servants that evening to greet guests and hand out swag bags. If you can help out, please contact the church office. Thanks!

Advent Small Groups – Advent is a time of preparation and hope. We prepare our hearts for celebrating the birth of Jesus and we look with hope for the good news that Jesus brings to our lives. Good Soil is offering an opportunity to deepen our faith and our relationships with one another through once-a-week Advent small groups.

If you would like to be connected with an Advent Small Group, please contact Deb Yandala at 440-503-4251 or debyandala@gmail.com.

Group meeting times:

- Sunday evening, Dec 11 and Dec 18, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Thursday morning, Dec 15 at 10:00 a.m. at Rocky River Panera on Center Ridge Rd.
- *Please note: the Saturday morning in-person group option has been canceled*

Following worship today, the congregational meeting will be held to vote on the proposed budget and the nominating committee that will put together the slate for the 2023-2024 council nominations. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

The flower chart for next year has been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Lounge. The cost of the arrangements is \$20 per vase unless special colors or flowers are requested. When signing up, please specify whether you would like 1 or 2 arrangements and indicate any dedication. Note that during Lent we will not have flowers on the altar. You are welcome to take your flowers home after worship. Sign up now to ensure you get the dates you want!

The offering envelopes for 2023 have arrived and are on the table in the Lounge. Please pick them up after worship to save the cost of mailing them to your home. Note that if you have been giving online, no envelopes were ordered for you but, as always, your offerings are attributed to your envelope number during the counting process.

“Seeds” is a weekly e-newsletter with updates and highlights about God’s action among us! Use this QR code to sign up. You can also call the church office at 440-331-1773 for help signing up. It’s a great way to stay in touch with all the exciting happenings at Good Soil!



Calendar of Events

Sun, Dec 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-Person and Livestream Worship – First Communion Celebration ● Congregational Meeting ● Christmas Pageant Practice 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Sun, Dec 11	Advent Small Group via Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Thurs, Dec 15	Advent Small Group in-person at Rocky River Panera	10:00 a.m.
Sun, Dec 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-Person and Livestream Worship –Kid’s Christmas Pageant ● Coffee Hour 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Sun, Dec 18	Advent Small Group via Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Wed, Dec 21	Longest Night Worship * In-Person and Livestream	6:30 p.m.
Sat, Dec 24	CHRISTMAS EVE In-Person and Livestream Worship	6:30 p.m.
Sun, Dec 25	CHRISTMAS DAY – PAJAMAS AND PRAISE <i>***Everyone is invited to come to worship in their pajamas and bring some cookies to share***</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-Person and Livestream Worship ● Coffee Hour and “Cookie Potluck” 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

*** The Longest Night Service:**

While Advent is a season of hope and Christmas is a season of joy, not everyone feels like celebrating. Grief, illness, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified. Many also feel the stress of preparations and expectations around Christmas time. A Longest Night service provides a time of solace where we can come together seeking healing and a safe place to feel grief, sadness, loneliness, or confusion when these emotions can feel out of place during the holidays. This worship service features candlelight, scriptures, prayers, and a few soft hymns.

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Presents:

All services are in-person and livestreamed on Facebook:

Christmas Pageant 12/18 9:30am

Longest Night Service* 12/21 6:30pm

Christmas Eve 12/24 6:30pm

Christmas Day 12/25 (worship in pajamas!) 9:30am

New Year's Day 1/1/2023 9:30am

The Longest Night is a quiet, meditative service with candlelight for those who are experiencing grief around the holidays or simply need a quiet place to rest and renew spiritually.

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