

**Edgerton UMC: Making Christ Known**

**Sunday, December 13, 2015**

**9:00am Worship**

**(\*Please Stand as Able**

**Bold Print All Say In Unison**

**GREETING**

**Please Sign and Pass Welcome Pad**

**PRELUDE**

**“As the Deer”, Martin Nystrom  
Nancy Dickinson Organ/Keyboard**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come and rejoice in God!

**P: Sing praise to God who continually blesses our lives!**

L: In the midst of troubles and stress, God is near, offering compassion.

**P: Our hope is in the Lord.**

L: Let all the people praise God.

**P: Hallelujah! AMEN.**

**\*PRAYER**

**Lord, we have come to this place from a world of demands and schedules. We have sought hope and peace and have found them here. Now we seek the inner joy that only your presence can bring to our lives. Open our hearts and our spirits to your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN**

**“Joy to the World ”**

**UMH #246**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN - Lighting the Advent Candle**

**One:** Today we light three candles- the first Candle is called HOPE and it is a reminder that God's promises are true.

*Children Repeat: The second Candle is called PEACE,*

**All: The second Candle represents God's gentle loving peace for our lives.**

*Children Repeat: The third Candle is called JOY.*

**All: The third Candle is called JOY, because of God's absolute presence in our lives.**

*Children Repeat: Come, all is ready.*

**All: Let the light of this these candles, called HOPE, PEACE, and JOY, bring brightness to your spirits.**

*[The first, second and third Advent Candles are lighted]*

**\*HYMN**

**“Come O Come Emmanuel” Vs. 1, 2, 3**

**UMH #211**

**READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE Isaiah 12:2-6**

**READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILLIPIANS 4:4-7**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**It is getting more and more difficult, Lord, for us to keep our attention on the holy things. Our lives are caught up in the planning, parties, gifts, and other such things. We get side-tracked too easily. The cries of those in need abound and we are overwhelmed by the need. Too often we turn a deaf ear because we feel we just can't meet all the needs that are presented to us. Heal our hearts and spirits, Lord. Help us understand that you do not ask us to heal everything but rather to find a simple way in which we might lighten someone else's burden, as you have lightened our lives. You have brought hope and peace to us. Teach us to use our gifts for the common good, and that in helping, we find great and abundant joy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

The messenger has been sent to you, proclaiming that there is One who is Coming who will heal and lead you. Know that this is a great gift from God, who has always and will always love you. AMEN.

**\*HYMN**

**“We Are Called”**

**TFWS #2172**

**\*GOSPEL READING**

**LUKE 3:7-18**

**MESSAGE**

**Rev. Dr. Barbara Wells**

**OFFERING**

Special Music “Seek Ye First”, Karen Lafferty

Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH#95

**\*HYMN**

**“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”**

**UMH #240**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**“How Brightly Beams the Morning Star”  
Philip Nicolai, setting John Carter**

*Please remain seated until the POSTLUDE is completed*

*Thank you for worshipping with us.*

*Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a coffee, goodies and friendship— located downstairs below the Sanctuary.*

## *Third Sunday in Advent... A Time of JOY*

### **WE WELCOME YOU!**

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are glad you are here!  
Please complete the information in our Friendship Book (black folder)  
located at the end of the pew along the center aisle.

### **COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 am worship service  
and prior to the 10:30 am worship service, for coffee and snacks. This is a  
great time to greet visitors and connect with your church family.

### **HOW TO REACH US**

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