



THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025

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Prelude, Welcome & Time of Silence

Sung Response: In this quiet moment, Jesus speak to me. Fill my heart with Thy love divine, Your power let me see.

Advent Candle Lighting

Reader: We light the candles of Hope and Peace, and today the candle of Joy to show us the way.

All: And as a reminder that God is with us today.

Prayer: *God of Joy, help us remember to share joy as we wait for Jesus. Amen*

Announcements

New Members

Linda Clyne and Alyssa Metakes

An Affirmation of Faith (unison)

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand and by which we are saved; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared to Mary, then to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayers of the People (Joys & Concerns)

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture

Sermon

Tucker Galbraith

"A Modern Christmas Pageant"

Empower

Hymns #262 "Away in a Manger"

#258 "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Today:

- Music: Penny Antona, Sue and Mike Conklin, Empower
- Sound/Lights: John Goldsmith, Maurice Davoren
- PowerPoint & Live Stream: Elizabeth & Rich Orengo
- Worship Leaders: Empower
- Advent Candle Lighters: Empower
- New Members: Linda Clyne and Alyssa Metakes
- Our 9:30 AM service is live streamed on YouTube and you may appear in live worship

Upcoming Worship Leaders

December 21: Andrea Decker

December 28: Elizabeth Orengo

Giving QR Code

- To give by credit/debit cards/online checks use the QR code!
- Giving especially during this transitional time is essential!



Office Hours

- Monday and Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00pm and Wednesdays as needed.

Share your Joys & Concerns

- Did you know you can share your prayer requests 24/7 by posting them on our church app's Prayer Wall? [Download the app today.](#)
- They will also be collected before and during worship.

Interested in leading worship?

- Speak to Elizabeth about an upcoming Sunday in January, February, and March 2026.

Do you have any announcements or information to share?

- Send details to Maggie at secretary.otisvillepres@gmail.com by Monday to be included in next Sunday's bulletin.

Food Pantry Needs!

- We need JUICE, JELLY and CEREAL. Thank you!

Wednesday Night Bible Study

- Wednesday Night Bible Study is being held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. We meet in person in the Memorial Room and via Zoom.
- Contact Jim or Sue Eggleton for more info.

Empower Christmas Pageant – December 14

- Please join our Empower Kids and Families for our Annual Christmas

- Pageant at our 9:30 AM worship hour.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation – December 14

- The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, December 14, immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

Live Nativity – December 14

- Step into the wonder of Bethlehem! Mary and Joseph, the Christ-child in the manger, wise men and shepherds gathered close, animals resting nearby, and angels ready to proclaim God's glory—the story comes alive before you!
- Join us anytime between 5:00–6:30 PM to experience what that holy night may have felt like so long ago.
- All are welcome—and refreshments will be served!

Remembrance Sunday – December 21

- We will have candles available for anyone who wants to light a candle in remembrance of those loved ones we are missing this holiday season.
- We hope the candles of loving remembrance will bring some comfort and peace to all.
- Candles can be lit before worship begins and during the last hymn.

Christmas Eve Services – December 24

Plans are underway for our three Christmas Eve services.

- Empower Families Service – 5:00 PM
- Traditional Candlelight Service #1 – 7:00 PM
- Traditional Candlelight Service #2 – 9:00 PM
- Greeters, readers, and candlelighters will be needed at the 7 and 9 PM services.
- If you'd like to help with any of the services, please contact: Jen D'Esposito (Empower service), Candy Burnett and Elizabeth Orengo (Candlelight services).

Fellowship & Thanks Supper – Christmas Eve

- Our dedicated worship leaders, musicians and tech team who lead worship on Christmas Eve often don't have time to go home between services. We would love your help in providing them with a simple meal and treats for a group of 10-15 people.
- If you are able, please bring a simple covered dish or treats to be shared. Your generosity will bless those who are serving so faithfully during this special time.
- It would be very helpful to have someone **organize** the meal. Please see Elizabeth Orengo if interested.
- Thank you for helping us care for those who give so much to make our Christmas Eve worship meaningful!

Calling All Carolers! CANCELLED

Stephen Ministry Training

- There has been interest in having a Stephen Minister Training for our congregation.
- Plans to start training on Saturday, February 7th at 9AM-2PM and ending on Saturday, April 25th at 9AM-2PM.
- We will have 8 additional 2 hour training sessions on either Sunday, Monday or Thursday depending on everyone's availability.
- If you are interested in participating in the training, please speak to Gerda before January 1, 2026.
- We will meet and firm up the additional dates and all the training materials for those who would like to participate will be ordered.
- If you have any questions please contact Gerda Kroglund, 845-649-6667, gerdakroglund@frontier.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- Do you like to quilt, sew, crochet or knit?
- Our crafters meet weekly on Wednesdays, 10 AM – 1 PM
- For our Prayer Shawl Ministry, we need Infant and Youth sized prayer shawls and/or blankets.
- For more information, speak with Karen Ketcham.

Deacon's Medical Closet

- There are walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs and other medical supplies available for those in need. See Frank or Will.

Manse Emergency Red Lights

- If anyone sees these lights turned on in the manse, please notify Kevin O'Connell so that he can investigate. Kevin's cell is 845-346-6638.



Empower Kids 2024 Christmas

Did you know that if you read a chapter of the Book of Luke every day in December, you will end on Christmas Eve and will have followed the life of Jesus?