Third Sunday of Advent | December 14, 2025 | **10:00am**

Today we light the candle of Joy. May our hearts be forever filled with the joy of His coming.

GATHERING

Welcome

Call to Worship

The Joy / Joy To The World

Lighting the Third Advent Candle: Joy | Isaiah 35:1-6

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LISTENING

Greeting

Carol Sing!

Welcome Morgan and Rachel Smith

Prayer of Dedication / Offering

He Shall Reign Forevermore

New Testament Reading | Luke 1:46b-55

Sermon | Ready for Joy
Laurie Brenner

RESPONDING

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Benediction

NEW HERE?

We're glad you're here! If you are visiting us, we'd love to connect with you. Fill out the Connect Card (in the pew rack) or scan this QR code. And stop by the Welcome Center for your gift bag!

WEST SIDE KIDS

Kids (5th grade and under) | Stay in the sanctuary today.

Nursery | Available for kids ages 0-3.

WEST SIDE YOUTH

10:00am | Middle School Discipleship
No MS Discipleship today. Christmas party tonight!

Middle & High School Christmas Party!
TONIGHT, 5-8pm. Bring a gift under $10 to swap. Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater and cozy pj pants. Invite a friend! Gingerbread houses, "snowball" fight, 9 square, and more!

DAILY READINGS

The scripture references in parentheses are for the *Seeing Jesus Together* journals. The schedule came with your journal, or you can pick up a copy at the Welcome Center, or scan the QR code for it.

Mon: 1 Samuel 13, Matthew 17 (Matthew 17:14-20)
Tues: 1 Samuel 14, Matthew 18 (Matthew 18:21-35)
Wed: 1 Samuel 15, Matthew 19 (Matthew 19:10-12)
Thurs: 1 Samuel 16, Matthew 20 (Matthew 20:25-28)
Fri: 1 Samuel 17, Matthew 21 (Matthew 21:28-32)
Sat: Psalm 51, (Psalm 51:1-2, 16-17)

ANGEL TREE DONATIONS

We're partnering again with Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree to give children of incarcerated parents and grandparents a gift in their name. We'll remind them they are loved by the gift-giver and God!

- **Still need:** $50 Safeway gift cards for families
- If you signed up to bring a gift, drop off UNWRAPPED gift by **Dec. 18** at the Welcome Center.

WEST SIDE RINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday, December 17 at 3:30pm at Merrill Gardens in Burien. All West Side members are invited to attend!

END OF YEAR OFFERINGS

End of year offerings may be made online, dropped in our locked mailbox (near the main entrance) by December 31, or mailed (postmarked by December 31). Note that the church building will be closed December 24-January 3.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

December to-Date

Fiscal Year-to-Date

*Goal: Income required to fund future ministry expenses without drawing on reserves.

ONLINE GIVING

Scan the code for our online giving page >>>

CHRISTMAS EVE

Family Service with "Pop-Up Nativity," 5pm
Join us for family worship and our "pop-up Nativity." Children will receive their costumes and parts on arrival to worship as all of us participate in the retelling of the Christmas story.

Candlelight Service, 7pm
We will gather to worship with a traditional candlelight service. All ages welcome.

LESSONS & CAROLS

December 21, 8:30 and 10:00am

The Service of Lessons and Carols has been a beloved Christmas tradition in churches around the world for nearly 200 years.

The service alternates Scripture readings with related carols to set Jesus' birth within the arc of God's redemption story. Familiar Advent passages take on fresh meaning when we are given the chance to respond in song, or find ourselves lifted up by the beauty of a choral anthem.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 21, 7pm

The service of the Longest Night is a worship service for those carrying heavy burdens this season and the people who love and wish to pray for them. Those gathered for this service will have the opportunity to pray, sing, or simply sit in silence and await the light of Christ coming into the world at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

This special offering on Christmas Eve is received each year for special projects or programs that our missionaries have requested to meet ministry needs.

If you are unable to join us Christmas Eve, donate online or send a check with "Christmas Eve Offering" in the memo line.

SIL International (requested by Larry Burke) | Scholarships for 2026 Sahel Initiative conference

Dallas International University (requested by Scott Berthiaume) | Developing library at instructional site in Uganda

Grace Global (requested by Larry Ciccarelli) | Printing True Meaning Arabic Study Bible for Syria

Matt. 28:20 Ministries (requested by Denise Hovland) | Travel and scholarships to teach "Godly Marriage" to church leaders in SE Asia

SIM Ethiopia (requested by Michael Madnay) | Travel costs for Somali Christian colleague to visit underground Somali Christians and Ethiopian pastors

OMF Partner hub/Hiragishi Izumi Church (requested by Keith Olson) | Building fund for OMF church in Sapporo, Japan

Christar (requested by Andrew Prout) | Laptop for seminarian returning to Sri Lanka to teach

YouthCompass International (requested by Tom Speckhardt) | Establish new Youth Compass ministry in Nairobi

Bellingham Chi Alpha (requested by Tallulah Reyes) | Leadership Connection meals for 30+ student leaders at Western WA University

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen. (If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please let one of our pastors know.)

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