

## Evangelical Covenant Church

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### This Week in Our Church Family

#### Today, December 12, 2021 - Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Nursery	Closed until further notice
Advent Scripture	Durham Family
Gospel Reading	Tonya Durham
Ushers	Roger Gustafson, Craig Kief

#### Next Sunday, December 19, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Nursery	Closed until further notice
Advent Scripture	Parker Family
Gospel Reading	Diane Gustafson
Ushers	Glen Foss, Melanie Harms, Myndie Glazik

\*Hearing assistance devices available by request at the sound board

\*Overflow room available in the Fellowship Hall





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December 12, 2021  
*Third Sunday of Advent*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:2-6

Invocation

Praise Song: "How Great is Our God" (P&W #53)

"Isn't He?" (P&W #49)

"Jesus Messiah" (P&W #88)

Advent

Prayer

All Sing: *"O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
And order all things, far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And cause us in her ways to go."*

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3:14-20

New Testament: Philippians 4:4-7

Lighting of Candles

All Sing: *"Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel!"*

Special Music: "I Still Believe in Christmas" *Torrie Jones*

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-56

Sermon: "The Advent of Jesus: Part 3" *David Parker*

Hymn of Response: #146 "Joy to the World"

Affirmation of Faith: The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 & 28

L: May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful and He will do it. Amen.

Christ is coming soon, so take the light of Christ with you as you offer God's peace to the world.

Congregational Response: Doxology

Postlude

### Prayer Concerns

#### Long Term/Home Care

Lavonne Burklund  
Pat Nelson

#### Missions

Cathy Campobello  
(Medellin, Colombia)  
Joe & Tammy Faulkinbury (Covenant  
Mountain Mission Bible Camp;  
Jonesville, VA)  
Ted & Sharon Wingo (South  
Carolina)  
Greta Henry (Merci Ministries;  
Champaign, IL )

### Announcements

The Children's Sunday School Christmas program will be Sunday, December 19 during the Worship service.

The poinsettias decorating the church are available for purchase. If you would like to purchase one please contact Tonya Durham. They are \$10 each.

We will be having a Christmas Eve service here at 7pm.

Our Christmas dinner will be from 11a-1pm on Christmas Day. If you would like to help serve please contact Amanda Nelson.