Saltillo First United Methodist Church

10:00 am Worship December 11, 2022 Tim Green and John Foster, Pastors <u>www.saltillofumc.org</u> facebook.com/pages/Saltillo-first-united-methodist-church

Third Sunday of Advent

Invocation and Prelude Welcome and Prayer

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" Methodist Hymnal, page 234

"Away in a Manger" Methodist Hymnal, page 217

The lighting of the Advent Wreath Chris, Lacee, Madison, and Rozi Hall

The offering of our gifts and ourselves Doxology

"On Our Way to Bethlehem" Presented by the Children's Ministry

Susan Ward, Josie Carr, Will Tennison, Curtis Robertson, Billy & Magdalen Irwin, Garrett Hill, Sophie Grubbs, Sydney Phillips, Howard Crump, Billy Graham, David Fleming, Jerry Goodner, Bryson Welford

Ye are the Light of the World

The Prayer focus for December is Peace

Our Scripture is Luke 2:11, 13-14; Isaiah 9:6; John 14:27

Newcomers and Visitors

Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you want more information about our church, please call the church office at **662-869-2956**

Bus Driver for December

Ronnie Dunaway is the Bus Driver & may be reached at 662-871-9133.

Opportunities for This Week and Beyond

<u>Today</u>

- 4:00 pm Handbell Practice
- 4-7 pm Youth to go Christmas Caroling

Wednesday

- 6:00 pm Choir and Handbell practice in Sanctuary
- **6:30 pm Bible Study for Youth & Adults, G-Zone for children** Bro. Tim's Bible Study will meet in the Adeline Jones Classroom
 - 7:30 pm Administrative Board Meeting

Sunday, December 25

- No Sunday School
- 10:00 am Joint Worship Service in the Sanctuary

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT IGNITE WITHIN US JOY

Reader: Today, we light the first, second, and third candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second is THE WAY, and the third is JOY.

Reader: The prophet Isaiah prophesies in chapter 35, verse 10, of a time when "*the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*"

Reader: And from Luke 2:10-11, At the birth of Jesus, the angel of the Lord reminded all: "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord."

Reader: O God, ignite within us Your Joy.

All: May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

Reader: With joy, we call Emmanuel down to meet with us this morning! Christ, be with us! Through the birth of Christ, we know God's love for us. Thanks be to God!

All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that, as the Scriptures are read, and your Word is proclaimed, we may leap in joy at your nearness and, like Mary, believe that there will be a fulfillment of what you speak to us today. Amen.