



HEYWARD STREET UMC

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December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Call to Worship

Song *O Come O Come Emmanuel* UMH 211

Lighting of the Advent Candles Corri Boucher & Even Logan
Isaiah 61 Nature Element: Oak

Refrain *A Candle is Burning* Tune: Away in a Manger
A candle is burning, a candle of JOY,
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow

Scripture I Thessalonians 5:16-24 Pew Bible p 205

Receiving of the Offering

Sermon Our Fierce Joy Rev. Tammy Blom

Song *Feels Like Joy* Praise Team

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song *Joy to the World* UMH 246

Benediction

Christmas Eve Services

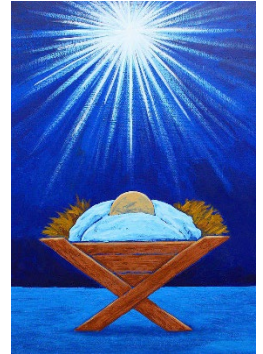
On Sunday, December 24,

Christmas Eve Worship with Communion
will be celebrated at 10:30 am.

Communion on the Church Steps

will be served from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Please invite friends and family to join
you for these Christmas Eve events.



Christmas Offering for Epworth Children's Home

Today is the final opportunity to donate to this offering for the ministry to children, youth, and young adults. To date, we have received \$310 for our Christmas Offering.

Poinsettias Are Ready to Adorn Your Home

For those who sponsored poinsettias, you may take them home either today or next Sunday. Please see attached sheet for gifts in honor and in memory of loved ones. Thank you for making our sanctuary colorful this season!



**Memorials have been given in loving memory of
Barbara Biddy** by Gaye Besly, Susan McFadden,
and The Biddy Family.

Best Wishes to Corri Boucher on her upcoming move. We love you and already miss you!

Advent Devotionals are emailed weekly
and are available online at
<http://www.heywardst.church/bulletins/> .
Our resource is *Bless the Advent We
Actually Have* by K. Bowler.

