

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
SEEKING THE JOY IN THE JOURNEY

Greeters:

Liturgist: Pastor Lesley

Advent Candle Lighters: The Perlinski Family

**Response:** Come, O Come, Emanuel.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's Spirit has led us here.

**People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is PEACE.**

Leader: God's Spirit has led us here.

**People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is HOPE.**

Leader: God's Spirit has led us here.

**People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is JOY.**

Leader: God's Spirit has led us here.

**People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is LOVE.**

Leader: There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in the place,

**People: And we know that it's the Spirit of the Lord!**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING by the Perlinski Family

ADVENT SONG TFWS #2090 v.3

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35:1-10 Matthew 11:2-11

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Choose JOY"

MESSAGE "The Littlest Christmas Tree" Sunday School Program, Teachers: Mrs. Shannon Perlinski, Mrs. Carrie Upham and Mrs. Britney Jolly

HYMNS "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" UMH #224

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" UMH #218

"The Summons" UMH #2130

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at Pine Bluffs UMC

Thursday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30am Blue Christmas service

Friday Dec.20 9:00am Prayer Group in the Sweet Spirit Room

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00am Worship Service

CHRISTMAS EVE Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00am "Candles, Carols, and Communion" Service

CHRISTMAS DAY!!! Let us rejoice and be glad as the Baby Jesus returns to us again!!

Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> Worship Service, 10:00 AM

DECEMBER MISSION PROJECT Donations to Heifer International. "For 75 years, your Christmas spirit has supported families as they pull themselves out of crushing poverty. I have personally seen how the gifts you give of livestock and training bring nutritious food to tables that were empty, send children to school who never thought they'd learn to read and transform struggling farmers into small business owners." Pierre U. Ferrari, President and CEO This is an opportunity for us to bring HOPE to families across the world from us. This will bring them many blessings and of course, we are blessed in return! Please give generously!

Jess, would you please put the Sunday School program right after the Children's Message? I'm hoping this change in logistics will cause a more smoothly functioning service. It's in God's hands!! Can you believe we only have 12 days until Christmas? Wait, isn't that a song?!?!?

Blessings, Lesley

