

Monmouth Grace Ministry Sunday Worship
Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025, at 9:30 am

Order of Worship

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

1. Welcome to Monmouth Grace Ministry! We're glad to have you with us.
2. Let us keep Judy Bornemann and Richard Lo in our thoughts and prayers.
3. Pastor Chung's mother passed away on Monday 12/8 1:35PM. Please keep Pastor Chung and his family in our thoughts and prayers.
4. Join us for the SOK group meetings every last Sunday of the month, immediately following our fellowship. All are cordially invited.
5. Looking for a great way to start your weekend? Come to **B&B (Bible Study and Breakfast)** with us!
6. Next Sunday's service is a Christmas Sunday joint service at 10:30AM.
7. Christmas day service will be on 12/25 at 10:00AM. There is no Christmas eve service.

Advent Candlelighting

Joy Candle

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Opening Praise:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
The Lord Is My Salvation

Call to Worship

One: Joy is the gift God gives us upon waking in the morning

to see beams of sun dance in dusty corners or hear much needed rain, even on a leaky roof.

Many: Joy is in the delight of tiny precious things.

One: Joy is the magnificence of the Redeemer when the tests come back clear,

or when a school test is finally passed, or when the spirit is tested and chooses faith over fear.

Many: Joy is in the hands that hold our own while we sit silently and wait.

One: Joy is the patience of Emmanuel

when petty disagreement turns into great injustice

and change is slow to bend towards what is right and good.

Many: Joy is in the small actions we take each day to help righteousness and peace abound.

Amen.

Hope For Everyone

Worship Prayer:

Beloved, we come now seeking to recognize moments of delight when we feel connected to you. We bring our fragmented hearts filled with good cheer, gentle reverence, and utter amazement; we share our secret hopes, dependable comforts, and cozy moments of advent peace. Rise up within us as we cherish the divinity of all that is good. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

1 The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus,
2 it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.
3 Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way;
4 say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."
5 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
6 Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
7 The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.
8 And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it.
9 No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there,
10 and those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

*This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!***

Children's Corner

Steve Staudinger

Praise

"Jesus Loves Me This I know"

Sermon

"He Will Come and Save You"

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***Presentation of Offering**

Sending Forth

***Closing Hymn**

Joy Has Dawned

***Lord's Prayer**