

Third Sunday of Advent – December 15, 2019

MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.*  
*Isaiah 35:4*

PRELUDE *Once in Royal David's City* Arla Cahill, organist  
arr. Liz Story

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* Choir

HYMN *Joy to the World, the Lord is Come* 294

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

LITURGY FOR EVANGELISM p. 133

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35:1-10 p. 695  
Matthew 11:2-11 p. 942

SERMON The Rev. Fran Saylor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM *He Is the Light that Shines* Choir

DOXOLOGY *T. Old Hundredth*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN *Fling Wide the Door* 272

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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**CALENDAR**

Today 9:00 a.m. – Handbells and Choir  
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. – Worship

Thursday 6:00 p.m. – Women's Fellowship Christmas Dinner

Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Breakfast  
11:00 a.m. – Worship

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We extend a warm welcome** to our visitors this morning! Thank you for choosing to worship at Mizpah. We are glad you're here!

**Flowers placed in the sanctuary today** are to the glory of God and in loving memory of W. B. and Frances Higgins, Hugh T. and Beulah M. Shore by Ann and Winburn Shore and also by Doris Long Williams in loving memory of Jack and Phil Long and Ross Williams. **The Advent Wreath** is presented by the church to the glory of God.

**The sympathy of the congregation is extended** to Jane Hauser and family upon the passing of Jane's husband, Dale. Please hold Jane and all who loved Dale in your prayers.

**Thank you thank you thank you** to all who helped with the Old Richmond Elementary Candle Tea! It would not have been the same without you!

**Angel tree gifts** (wrapped or not) are due today. Thank you to all who have brought gifts to share with the very special family who will be receiving your offerings of love. Judy Albert will be taking the gifts to Old Richmond Elementary on Monday morning. If you would like to help, please let Judy know.

**We appreciate outgoing Board members Becky Weaver and Judy Albert** lighting the candles on the Advent wreath today.

**Got pennies?** Would you consider sharing them with Samaritan Ministries for their penny campaign? 162 pennies provide a hot meal for a hungry brother or sister.

**The Women's Fellowship** will have a Christmas dinner on Thursday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be provided, and you're welcome to bring a snack, appetizer or dessert, but it is not required. Also, wear something Christmas-y if you want; a prize will be awarded to the tackiest/most creative.

**The Everyday Christian Class will be providing** a wonderful breakfast for the congregation on Sunday, December 22, at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

**This week's ushers** are Jim Absher and Dickie Speas. Next week's ushers are Keith Pruitt and Todd Smith.