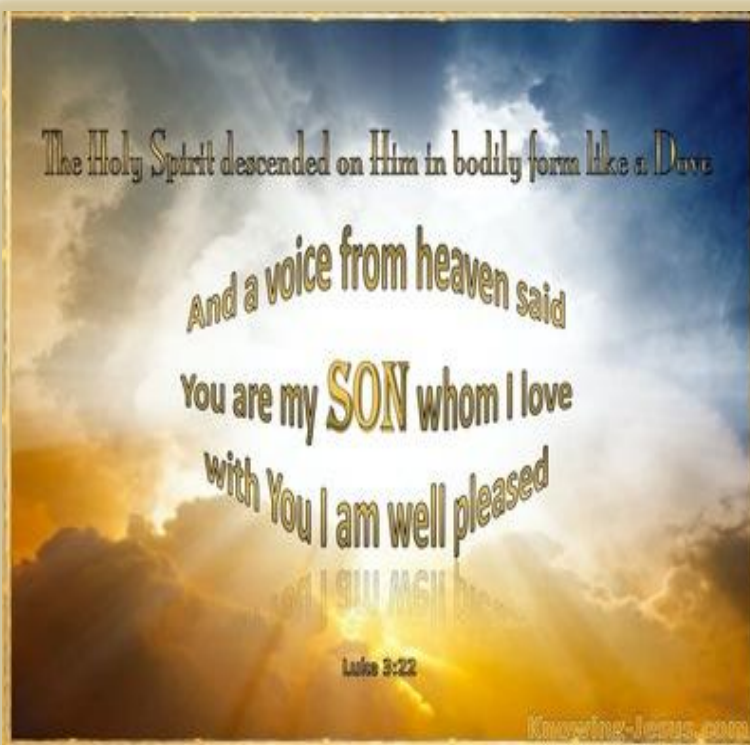


December 15, 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent

**Mission Statement: To Bring People to Christ
And Nurture Them in the Faith**



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Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon

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Maxwell Methodist Church
December 15, 2024 @ 10 a.m.
3rd Sunday of Advent
Pastor: Robert Bacon; Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon
***Please stand if able**

Prelude

Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Prayer

Praise Team

***Responsive Litany**

Leader: Advent is marked by a spirit of joy and celebration.

People: With joyful hearts, we celebrate the coming King.

Leader: Advent is a time to open our eyes to our many blessings.

People: With joyful hearts, we celebrate the coming King.

Leader: Advent is a time to appreciate the bonds of human love.

People: With joyful hearts, we celebrate the coming King.

Leader: Advent is a time to remember the promises of God.

People: With joyful hearts, we celebrate the coming King.

Lighting the Advent Candle.Stephanie Boyd

****Join in the Celebration with "Joy to the World". . . .Hymnal #246****

Let's unite and lift our voices with this timeless classic that spreads joy and hope! Grab your hymnals and let the uplifting melody fill the air as we celebrate the spirit of the season!

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

(Offering plates are at both doors as you enter and exit)

Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer

***The Doxology**

Hymn. "Trust and Obey".Hymnal #467

Scripture Readings

Luke 2:52: “And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.”

Luke 3:21-22: ²¹“Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus, also, being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, ²² And the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.”

Sermon. “You Bring Me Great Joy” Rob Bacon

***Closing Song. . . . “Spirit of the Living God” Hymnal #393**

Benediction

Postlude. Deb Mitchell

Announcements

- **Pastor's Office Hours** : By appointment. Rob's number 515-460-8885; Carol's number 515-460-8969
- **Bulletin Announcements**: Please forward bulletin announcements to office@maxwellmc.org by Wednesday. The bulletin is posted on the church's website <https://www.maxwellmc.org> under the bulletins tab.
- **Fellowship Sign-up**: Please be sure to sign up to bring refreshments for fellowship time.
- **December 16 @ 9 am**: Volunteer sewing group.

Thank You

Thank you for the rose and baby's breath. We so appreciate your prayers, support and love during this difficult time. Our son, Zach, was so full of life. It was such a shock! There are so many stories and memories to entertain and to comfort us.

Pastor Jerry, Wanda Swanberg and family

In Memory of

Theodore "Ted" Lee Hudson

December 3, 2024

In Memory of

Zachary "Zach" Aaron Swanberg

December 1, 2024