



Mt Vernon UMC

December 11, 2022

Advent III

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 

Joyful, all you nations, rise.

Jesus, the light of the world.

Join the triumph of the skies.

Jesus, the light of the world.

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.

Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.

Jesus, the light of the world.

OPENING PRAYER

Isaiah 35:1-10

O LORD, return to us and give us joy.

Like a desert after the rain, we blossom.

O LORD, give us joy.

We will shout and sing your praises.

O LORD, give us joy,

The blind will see,

the deaf will hear,

the lame will run,

and the mute will shout and sing.

O LORD, give us joy,

The Son will return;

all sorrow and sighing will flee;

our joy and gladness will be everlasting.

OPENING HYMN 

234.O Come, All Ye Faithful

¹ Cover art by KaLisa Veer, <https://unsplash.com/@kalisaveer>

ADVENT CANDLES

RESPONSE²

**Joy, joy, joy, may Earth be filled with joy.
The joy that fills our hearts with singing,
praising the One our God is bringing,
Joy, joy, joy, may Earth be filled with joy.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:46b-49

MUSIC

Angel Choir

VIDEO

NO "L"

MUSIC

Away in a Manger

VIDEO

The Cost of Christmas

MUSIC

Little Drummer Boy

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:50-55

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline Thine ear to us,
and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

SERMON

OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

² Advent lyrics by John Stuart, www.stushieart.com, 2022.

HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE 🎵🎵

**Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.**

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Quarter Tube for Daily Bread Soup Kitchen	Today!
Cookie Buffet	Today!
United Women of Faith	6:30pm 12/21
Christmas Eve Worship	5pm 12/24
Christmas Day Worship	10:30am 12/25
Pancake & Sausage Breakfast?	1/21?

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

Meredith Barnes, Travis Sherman, Roger Battle, Dustin Darling,
Mason Drollinger, Tracy Bailen

For more information about these and other activities, check your email for *This Week at Mt. Vernon*. If you don't receive *This Week at Mt. Vernon*, please let us know.

Next Sunday:

📖 Isa 7:10-16; Ps 80:1-7, 17-19; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-25

God calls Mt Vernon UMC to:

- Love God & neighbor as Jesus taught
- Learn together of God's love and grace
- Serve others by using our God given gifts and talents
- Be witnesses of our faith in God through Jesus Christ to all the world!.

To learn more, visit facebook.com/MtVChamp

If you would like a prayer, a visit, a meal, to have Holy Communion brought to your home, or have any other need, please contact any church member or Pastor Rob (217-751-4400, pastor@mtvernon-umc.org).