

**Service of Worship Cartersville UMC**  
**December 17, 2023 – Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Advent - Blue**  
**\*stand if you are able**

**Welcome**

**\*Gathering Chorus**      204    Emmanuel, Emmanuel

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Lighting of Worship Candles**

Maybe you have a candle at your house and would like to light a candle with me to celebrate the light of Christ there with you.

**Call to Worship**

L: In a broken world, not all fathers are loving.

**P: BUT GOD IS THE FATHER OF EVERLASTING LOVE.**

L: In a broken world, not all fathers are kind.

**P: BUT THE KINDNESS OF GOD HAS NO LIMITS.**

L: In a broken world, not all fathers are good.

**P: BUT GOD IS THE GOOD FATHER TO US ALL.**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Reading for the Third Sunday of Advent

**Response sung by the Congregation after each candle is lit:**

**Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

**\*Opening Hymn**      245    The First Noel    (1, 3, 5)

**Prayer Requests and Joys**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name.  
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. **Amen.**

**Hymn**      217    Away in a Manager

**Offertory Prayer**

**Special Music**

**Samantha Bursich**

**Scripture Reading**      by Leah Farrar– White, Samantha Bursich, and Jim Phillips

**Message**      **Everlasting Father**

**\*Closing Hymn**      230    O Little Town of Bethlehem    (1, 3, 4)

**\*Closing Prayer**

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS		
<b>TODAY</b>	10:30 am	Women's Advent Study
<b>WEDNESDAY 12/20</b>	6:30pm	Choir Practice
<b>SUNDAY 12/24</b>	9:30 am	Worship Service
	7:00 pm	Candlelight Service
<b>12/25—1/1/2024</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our church is looking for a new person to work part time in the church office. If you are interested in exploring more about this position, please contact Janice McConnaughy. Her email address is; [jkmcconnaughy@gmail.com](mailto:jkmcconnaughy@gmail.com) or you may call her at 618-727-2483. You may also call the church office at 618-985-4511 and leave information for her to contact you.

**REMINDER:** Church Council and Finance Committee **will not** meet in December.

DATE	GREETERS	WORSHIP LEADER	PRAYER READER
12/17	Roseann Rector & Diane Wallace	Leah Farrar-White	Beth Laird
12/24	Phil & Becky Borgsmiller	Jim Phillips	Roseann Rector

**CLIPBOARDS**

New Year's Eve Party  
Young @ Heart

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Concerns will be kept on this listing for 1 month unless otherwise requested. See current requests on screens and in e-blasts.

Our Church  
All Military Personnel  
Kenny Clark—Church family  
Pastor Steve Palmer & family  
Those in Israel, Palestine, Afghanistan, and the Ukraine  
Loma Brown and her family  
The family of Ellen Gooden  
The Oetjen Family  
The family of Judith Weyburg  
Simon Claunch

**CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY**

Jake Rendleman, Haylee Gooden, Johnna Dunning Jackson, Larry Padgett,  
Dusty Oetjen, and Steven Johnson

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR IN HONOR OF**

Jake Rendleman's Birthday  
Larry Padgett's Birthday

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**8:30 a.m. Sunday School**

**9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship**

**10:30 Sunday School**

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