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DECEMBER 15, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2024

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

*We will be Christ's presence in our community,
 building relationships*

OUR BIBLICAL PURPOSE:

"To be a faithful community of devoted servants who will share Christ's love and example."

- MUSIC:** Felicia Fina;
- LAY LEADER:** Phil Formel
- GREETERS:** Charles Alderson, Dottie Wakulich, Santiago Garcia
- LITURGISTS:** Jan Burlison, Tom Settle, Yanira Bonilla
- USHERS:** Charles Alderson, Robert Kelly, Tom Settle,
Dottie Wakulich, Jim Rumohr
- ACOLYTES:** Chloe Junco, Jim Rumohr

Bishop: Rev. Tim Berlin
District Superintendent: Rev. Dr. Simon Osunlana
Pastor: Nelson Bonilla

For emergency pastoral care or needs please contact: if you would like prayer, a visit, to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion or baptism, information on joining the church or other needs.

Pastor Nelson Bonilla – Phone: 386-631-6193 email: nelson.bonilla@flumc.org
 Regular Office Hours – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-1pm or by appointment
 Or the following members: **Santiago Garcia, Administrative Council Chair,**
305-608-1184

BUDGET AND OPERATING COSTS:

2022 Annual Church Budget:	\$
Weekly Operating Expenses/ Funds Needed:	\$1,786.00
Last Week's Offerings:	\$



REDLAND COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent/Sunday of Joy
December 15, 2024
Liturgist: Jan Burlison

WELCOME GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES)

PRELUDE (*acolyte brings light into the gathering place*)

Felicia Fina, Pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

P: Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.

L: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

P: Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.

L: Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

P: Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God. AMEN.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Family: "And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name'" (Luke 1:46-49).

Today we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Savior of all grows in her womb. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she bears her role in history with the confidence of a warrior; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

People: Today we give thanks for the Marys among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.

Family: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light these candles as a symbol of Mary, mother of God, bearer of the Way, and as a sign of our shocking hope, just peace, and fierce joy. May our lives shine with the fierce, tenacious joy of the Light who lives in our hearts as we wait and work for the coming of God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Light three candles in the Advent wreath. If using pink colored candle in the wreath, this is the time to light that one.

* **HYMN OF PRAISE**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (1-4)

#234 (UMH)

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *

1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20

#888 (UMH)

GREETING ONE ANOTHER :

#557(UMH)

As the body of Christ in the world, let us share his love and peace with one another.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

(We lift up concerns & thanksgivings)

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

#238(UMH)

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 3:7-18

(N.T)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Rejoice in the Lord."

Pastor Nelson

HYMN OF INVITATION

"Joy to the World"

#246(UMH)

OFFERTORY

Special Music (Offering plate in center aisle)

PIANIST

* **OFFERTORY PRAISE:**

(Doxology)

#95 (UMH)

* **HYMN OF SENDING**

"God Be With You, Till We Meet Again"

#672 (UMH)

(First Verse)

* **BENEDICTION**

SUNG RESPONSE

"A-men, a-men, a - men."

#898 (UMH)

**Please stand as you are able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, December 15, 2024

Please remember the Joys and Concerns in your daily prayer.

JOYS: All the laity of our church and how much they do in serving God and others. Thanks to God for answered Prayers. Our many blessings. Good doctors. Health Care Specialists. Caregivers. God's goodness. Church friends as helpers. Time with friends and family. Gift of life. The blessing of children. Grateful for our Church leadership. Gift of the Holy Spirit. Families worship together. Each of our talents and gifts.

CONCERNS: Lucy's mom, Gladys. Prayers for the people of Cuba. Prayers for the people of Gaza. Prayers for our country. For all missionaries around the word. Continue praying for people who are struggling with mental health. For the families of all those who have lost loved ones to breast cancer. All victims and their families of tragic violent shootings. Prayers for Lucy's son, Luis and his family. Prayers for our country, and our military service men/women. First responders. Immigrants seeking asylum. All victims of terrorism and natural disasters. Prayers for our denomination, local churches, pastors, and leaders. Those in Hospice Care, and those suffering from cancer. Prayers for single moms. Prayers for the people of Palestine and Israel. All who are grieving the loss of a loved one. For World leaders to make good decisions that lead to peace.

Healing prayers for: Oscar Castro recovering from surgery. Harriet Morris. Phil's brothers Mike and Shaun. May's brother David needs healing prayers for a broken hip. Jim's brother, sister and brother-in-law (Terry Rumohr, Sharon, Mike). Rob's mom, Judy. Gus's sister, Theresa. Jose Fernandez. Mike, who is healing from shoulder surgery. Valentina, needing a bone marrow transplant. Santiago's health issues, and ongoing cancer treatment. Dottie. Lucy's friend Bryan. Jan's friend Andrea was diagnosed with cancer. Carol Horeb. Jan's mom. Ed & Karen's friend Pastor Greg, who is awaiting a liver transplant. Sandi Settle, continued healing

NOTE: Pastor Nelson can be reached at (386) 631-6193

Sunday: 9:00 am -Worship Service

Fellowship Coffee after service

Tuesday: 10:00 am -Prayer and Share in the multi-purpose room.

Friday: 11:00 am - Bible Study

5:00pm- Fellowship Dinner: First Sunday of every month

(BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL BORN IN DECEMBER!

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Consider bringing a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary of our church to honor or remember someone special to you.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Sunday 8th and 15th at 8:15 am

YARD SALE: TBA.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE/CHRISTMAS EVE: This year we will have a bilingual Candlelight Service on Tuesday, Dec 24th at 400pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

BIBLE STUDY: Friday at 11:00 am.

Church Apportionments and Finances- Adopt an apportionment to help us meet our 2025 giving goal.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 4:00pm

New AC units needed for Sanctuary: If you wish to donate to this project, please mark your special donations as "AC offering."

UPPER ROOM: Daily devotional now available in the Narthex.

Prayers for healing of the World- Join us daily at 12:00pm.

"Tree of Life" – Leaves and other features are available to dedicate or memorialize special individuals in your life. Flyers are available in the narthex.



Luke 3:7-18

One more powerful is coming

3:7 John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"

3:8 Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

3:9 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

3:10 And the crowds asked him, "What, then, should we do?"

3:11 In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must do likewise."

3:12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?"

3:13 He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you."

3:14 Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

3:15 As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,

3:16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

3:17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

3:18 So with many other exhortations he proclaimed the good news to the people.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20 #888

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

People: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.

Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.