

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear.
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon He draweth nigh.
Up, pray, and watch, and wrestle: at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil.
And wait for your salvation, the end of earthly toil.
The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near.
Go meet Him as He cometh, with alleluias clear.

O wise and holy virgins, now raise your voices higher,
Until in songs of triumph ye meet the angel choir.
The marriage feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
Rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear!
Arise, Thou sun so longed for, over this benighted sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption that brings us unto Thee.

Ye saints, who here in patience your cross and sufferings bore,
Shall live and reign forever, when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory the Lamb ye shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him your diadems of gold!

—Author: Laurentius Laurenti (1700);
Translator: S. L. Findlater (1854)

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A warm welcome on this third Sunday of Advent. May the joy of Christ's coming lift the hearts of all of us as we worship God and share our love with one another. Joy! Joy! Joy!

Announcements

- **Christmas Ensemble** practice Monday nights at 7 p.m.
- **December 17** - 7-9 p.m. - Prayer Night
- **December 19** - 7:00 p.m. - Ladies' Ensemble Christmas Service
- **December 25** - CHRISTMAS - 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
- **The Christmas card mail sorter** is up for "special delivery". We suggest that the money you save on postage be donated to missions or another worthy project.
- *Please take time to sign the cards for the missionaries, that are on the table in the foyer.*

Call To Worship

Sing aloud, sons and daughters!
 Shout with joyful praise!
Rejoice in the Lord always.
Again we will say, "Rejoice!"
 The God of our salvation is near at hand.
 Our redeemer is in our midst.
With shouts of hope, we sing to God.
Again we sing, "Rejoice!"
 Make known God's deeds.
 Proclaim Christ's love for all to hear.
With hearts of laughter, we love.
Again we say, "Rejoice!"

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Cobleskill 4:00 p.m.— WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.

INCLINE thine ear to our prayers, O Lord, we beseech thee; and lighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of thy visitation, by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. —BCP

Prayer Requests

- **This** week we are praying especially for our sister church in Lisbon, OH. At present there is no pastor.
- **Pray** for our nation during this uncertain time. **Pray** for the pulling down of the strongholds of evil in our land. (II Corinthians 10:4)
- **Pray** for the persecuted church, and Christians in danger all over the world.
- **Continue** to pray for:
 - Special requests for those on our hearts, especially Byron S., Ethan, Rowan S., Bernie, and Steven H.
 - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
 - **Missionaries:** Nichole Barr, the Davises, the Easleys, B. Fay. the Himelicks, the Millses, R. Moulton, the Samborskis, Jack Sherman, Judy Sherman, and the T. Shermans.
 - **Bible Colleges** - GBSC, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
 - **Safety** and protection for our Armed Forces.
 - **Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court**, that they may make righteous choices.
- **Pray** for these physical need requests:
 - David Mills, Joe M., Mary Braun (Victory Trio), Pastor Gary Mills, Betty Case, the Schreiber family, Stanley Cook, Tiffany Colton, Kendall Straight, Paul Easley, Stephen Cassady, Janet Albertson, Joanna Howell, Rollin Mitchell, Lois Schenck.
- **Online** and phone requests:
 - Jennifer Howell, Cliff
- **From** Early Woodland:
 - Joanne, Pat, Maureen, Betty R., Ronald

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
OT	Amos 7:1-9:15	Obadiah 1:1-21	Jonah 1:1-4-11	Micah 1:1-4:13
NT	Revelation 3:7-22	Revelation 4:1-11	Revelation 5:1-14	Revelation 6:1-17
PSA	Psalms 131:1-3	Psalms 132:1-18	Psalms 133:1-3	Psalms 134:1-3
PROV	Proverbs 29:23	Proverbs 29:24-25	Proverbs 29:26-27	Proverbs 30:1-4
	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Micah 5:1-7:20	Nahum 1:1-3:19	Habakkuk 1:1-3:19	Zephaniah 1:1-3:20
	Revelation 7:1-17	Revelation 8:1-13	Revelation 9:1-21	Revelation 10:1-11
	Psalms 135:1-21	Psalms 136:1-26	Psalms 137:1-9	Psalms 138:1-8
	Proverbs 30:5-6	Proverbs 30:7-9	Proverbs 30:10	Proverbs 30:11-14

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to Thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to Thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of Nations; bind
All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to Thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to Thee, O Israel!

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel:
God with us, revealed in us!
His name is called Emmanuel.
(Repeat)