**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Joy**

**December 17, 2023**

**Prelude**

**Candle Lighting**

**Welcome and News in the Life of the Church**

**Introit** Surely the Presence of the Lord # 328

**We Proclaim the Word**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

**Call to Worship:** (unison)

Glory to God in the highest!  
**And hope to every discouraged heart.**Glory to God in the highest!  
**And peace to every conflicted soul.**Glory to God in the highest!  
**And joy to every downcast spirit.**Glory to God in the highest!  
**And love to everyone.**Let us sing praises to our God.  
**Let us offer this light against the darkness.**

**\* Hymn**  It Came upon the Midnight Clear # 218

**Opening Prayer:** (unison)

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen**

**We Listen to the Word**

**Scripture** Psalm 96

**Anthem**

**Scripture**  Luke 2:1-7

**Sermon Pastor Jen**

**\* Hymn** Hark! the Herald Angels Sing # 240

**We Respond to the Call**

**Offeratory Invitation**

**\* Doxology** Praise God, from Whom … # 95

**\* Blessing of the Offering** (unison)

**Lord God, as we gather today to worship you and learn of the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem, we off these gifts to your service. Help them to be used to bring your word to your children, to relieve suffering, to inspire hope and peace, and to change the world in your name. We pray these things in Jesus' holy name. Amen**

**Prayer Requests and Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

**Prayer Response** Gloria Patri # 71

**We Depart to Serve**

**\* Hymn**  Go, Tell it on the Mountain # 251

**\* Benediction**

**\* Benediction Response** Let There Be Peace # 431

\*You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

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**Tuesday and Friday by appointment**

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**You can worship with us by going to You Tube on Sunday morning or any time during the week at:**

**https://www.youtube.com/@contoocookunitedmethodistc2605/streams**

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK:**

**Sunday 10:00 am Choir rehearsal**

**Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service**

**Sunday 7:00 pm AA Meeting in vestry**

**Tuesday 7:00 pm The Weekly Sharing (by zoom)**

**Wednesday 7:00 pm Advent Study (by zoom)**

### THIS ADVENT SEASON WE WILL BE STUDY "THE JOURNEY - Walking the Road to Bethlehem" by Adam Hamilton.   Please note....the Advent study will be held on WEDNESDAY nights for the next three weeks at 7 pm. (the link says 6:30 start time... you can get in early if you want and we will start at 7!) here is the link for the study.... Topic: My Meeting Time: Dec 6, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)         Every week on Wed, 3 occurrence(s)         Dec 6, Dec 13 & Dec 20, 2023 07:00 PM

### Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84257602808?pwd=EpeMbEYTaZdX0baf020IeKizEsWXZc.1> Meeting ID: 842 5760 2808 Passcode: 218204

**Contoocook**

**United Methodist Church**



**Welcome to our Worship Service**

**December 17, 2023**

**Pastor: Jennifer Savoy**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Ginny for healing

Jackie for healing  
Alex’s Mom for healing

Bev for healing

Dan & Missy for healing

Aunt Myrtle for comfort and healing

Kim G for healing

Marci for healing  
Cyndy for healing  
Peace in the World  
Katie for healing  
Nancy for healing  
Judy G for healing  
Maria for healing

Audra for healing  
Ginny for healing  
Baby Musoki Barbara for healing.    
Russell for healing

Myia, Carol and Juliana

**Thanks and Joy:**  
A new Prayer Shawl was given

Annette’s Grandson Christopher came to church with her

**Blue Christmas Service – December 21 – 7:00 PM**

Welcome! We are hoping you can join us for a time of healing and peace.  May God’s peace be with you, around you and in you this holiday season!

\*this service will not be live streamed

**Christmas Eve Service – December 24 – 7:00 PM**

**Please join us for lessons and carols!**

**All are welcome.**