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**Weekly Deadline for Bulletin Wednesday at 12 noon**

# Caro United Methodist Church



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

**December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Worship Service 11:00 am**

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*Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023*  
**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!**

If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out the green Welcome Card from the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate when it is passed. If you have a prayer request or praise, please use the yellow card from the pew rack. The Ushers will pick it up at prayer time. Those who are able to stand may do so at the sign of the arrow (↗). Hearing devices are available from the sound booth if you have difficulty hearing our speaker. If you missed Online Worship Service on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 you now have two ways you can watch.

1. Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/>
2. Our website: [www.caroumc.org](http://www.caroumc.org)
3. YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/live/Y7z92bb6dyo?si=\\_ZbSydtCx8shut4E](https://www.youtube.com/live/Y7z92bb6dyo?si=_ZbSydtCx8shut4E)

PRELUDE: ENTRANCE - **OPENING PRAYER**

**Third Sunday in Advent** – Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy – Candle of Joy.  
(Candle Lighting by Lisa, Kevin and Jacob Wightman)

↗ **HYMN (Stand) Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verse 1, 2 & 6). UMH 211**

**WELCOME – GREETINGS - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 126)**

Leader: Here, in this place, we discover the great things God has done.

**People: In story and song, in silence and sacrament, we are reminded that God's relationship with us which lasts forever.**

Leader: Here, with these people, we find our true home.

**People: where we can run home laughing, after being lost for so long.**

Leader: Here, during this holy season, we hear those promises made so long ago.

**People: Of the One who repairs all our mistakes, of the One who reshapes our brokenness. Amen.**

↗ **(Stand) PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Since we have peace with God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, let us stand and share this peace with one another.*

**RESPONSE HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy (verses 1,2) UMH 64**  
(United Methodist Hymnal)

**Congregation Joins in Video with Lyrics - Mary, Did You Know?  
Mary, Did You Know--Kenny Rogers and Wynonna Judd**

**Pastor Time with the Children**

**NOISY BUCKET SUNDAY Christmas Food Baskets & Children's Gifts**

**OFFERING OF TITHES**

**OFFERTORY**

↗ **(Stand) DOXOLOGY UMH 95**

**SCRIPTURE READING John 1:6-8, 19-28 (NIV)**

**Message: God with Us - Road to Joy Pastor Bob Demyanovich**

↗ **HYMN O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230**  
(United Methodist Hymnal)

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

**Prayers of God's People (The ushers will collect the prayer request cards)**

**Prayers by the Congregation**

↗ **(Stand) THE LORD'S PRAYER**

↗ **HYMN Joy to the World UMH 246**  
(United Methodist Hymnal)

**Benediction and Blessings**

**POSTLUDE:**

**Musician: Linda Miller**