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| Upcoming Events:  December 15: The Village Brass Christmas Concert 2:00 p.m. First UCC, Belleville; Free will offering accepted.  December 15: “This Is Christmas” Cantata Juda Zion Community Church 1:30 p.m.; Juda  December 17: Council meeting 6:00 p.m.  December 21: Coffee and Conversation 9-11  December 24: Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.   * Reggie’s Men’s Sock Project for Porchlight begins. Look for the container near the altar. Please bring them to church by December 17. * Dick Anderson is selling assorted nuts/candies for the Oregon-Brooklyn Lions Club. Order forms are in the Fellowship Hall.   Birthday: “God Bless You and Keep You Another Year Through”  Maysen McNeely December 18  Please join us for refreshments in our fellowship hall after the service.  If you wish to donate to the church, we now have the collection plate on the table by the entrance to the League Room. Or you can use our on-line giving option found on our website.  Contact Information:  Pastor Jinkyoung You  Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 1-3:30 p.m.  Days off: Friday and Saturday  Email: holistic78@gmail.com  Phone number: 608-455-3344 M-Th 9-4. If you need to reach her at other times, please use her private number 256-631-9906.  Texting is best if possible.  Email: [brooklyncommunityumc@gmail.com](mailto:brooklyncommunityumc@gmail.com)  Facebook: Brooklyn Community UMC  Website: <http://www.brooklynumc.org/> |  |  | Pin on Christmas  December 15, 2024  *Brooklyn Community United Methodist Church*  *Pastor Jinkyoung You* |
| **Welcome to**  **Brooklyn Community United Methodist Church**  **December 15, 2024**  **Third Sunday of Advent**  Minister: Pastor Jinkyoung You  Reader: Tim Sikes  Pianist: Debbie Schneider  Percussionist: Dennis Murphy  Prelude  Welcome  \*”God Christian Friends, Rejoice” #224  Light the Advent Candle of Joy  No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, Isaiah reminds us that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God’s coming kingdom, we must not forget that God’s salvation has come and is coming. “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation” (Isaiah 12:3). With joy you will remember that God’s salvation is already present among us.  **Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God’s love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.**  We light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God’s salvation together.  Opening Prayer  CALL TO WORSHIP  Children of God, our world is full of the fruit of humanity’s greed, apathy, and neglect for the love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation. |  |  | **What, then, should we do?**  Our world is also full of the fruit of God’s love that wells up all around us, sustaining us, saving us, reviving us to live as the people of God.  **What, then, should we do?**  God encircles us on every side, Love divine present with us in creation, in community, and in the anticipated arrival of the infant Emmanuel. What then, children of God, should you do?  **We will live in joyful presence with God and neighbor, turning away from sin and toward a life with God and one another marked by joy, justice, and mercy. Amen.**  \*”Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #196  \*Passing of Peace  Announcements, Joys, and Concerns  Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord’s Prayer  “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Verses 1-4 211  Spirit of the Moment Choir  Scripture Readings Luke 3: 7-18 (CEB)  Congregation Response: **Thanks be to God**.  Message  **Pastor Jinkyoung You**  “Advent: Joy”  Offering/Doxology  \*”O Come, All Ye Faithful” Verses 1-3 #234    Benediction  Postlude  \*Stand if you are able. |