

PRAYERS for December 12, 2021 – Third Sunday of Advent

Worship Assistant: As we await the coming of our Savior in mercy and majesty, let us praise the name of the Lord and pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Worship Assistant: Heavenly Father, with grateful hearts, we give You thanks. We have so many things for which to be thankful: our Lord God, our lives, our families, our friends, our church, and our country. We thank You for making Yourself known to us through Jesus Christ and for sending Him to be the light of the world. Lord, we especially give You thanks this morning for helping us put Your Word into the hands of Brody Cirillo, Noah Crawford, Labsi Gemechis, and Debbie Gemechis.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: O God of Isaiah and John the Baptist, Your Word reminds us that You lead us through the desert and the wilderness of this earth. You restore our lives and our hope. Your peace guards our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. Establish our hearts with patience and a spirit of encouragement and help us lead others to follow Your Word and Your example. Protect Your people around the world who are being hurt by the unbelievers and by their governments. Teach those of us who live in comfort and security to honor their witness and provide for their needs. Turn their tormentors from their evil ways. Lord, bring relief to all who suffer, send help to all who are troubled, ease the anxieties of all who are distressed, and comfort those who mourn.

Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Merciful God, You are always more ready to answer than we are to cry out to You; more ready to forgive our sins than we are to ask for grace from You; and more ready to listen to our prayers than we are to pray to You. Break down our resistance, banish our worldliness, overcome our thoughtlessness, and remove our willfulness. Remind us of the beauty and joy of Jesus who came to save us and let nothing stop the coming of Christ Jesus into our hearts.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Healing Father, You bring hope to Your people in this sometimes hopeless world. You bring peace to Your people in stressful and dangerous times. You bring strength to Your people who are in need of Your comforting arms. Help us not be anxious about anything, but always bring our requests to You with thanksgiving. Be with all people who are separated from family during this Christmas season by distance, illness, or misunderstandings. We plead for Your care on behalf of our friends and family members who are on our prayer list and those whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Lord God, we ask You to strengthen, shield, and guide our police who serve and protect others and our military who defend our liberty. Move our hearts to thoughts and deeds of goodwill to all men as we deliver gifts to Southland Rehab and food bags to the Midwest Food Bank this week. Help us to love one another by knowing that You first loved us. May Your presence guide all people to follow the Prince of Peace. Let our hearts be full of Your Word, and let our mouths be ready to speak of Your love.

Lord, in Your mercy..... hear our prayer. Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**