

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 14, 2025**

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
*(The green hymnal (LBW) will be used during worship)*  
\*Confession and Forgiveness p. 56  
\*Hymn ~ *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!* # 55  
\*Greeting p. 57  
\*Kyrie p. 57  
\*Hymn of Praise ~ *Lord God...* p. 59

*Prayers and lessons can be found in Celebrate insert*

\*Prayer of the Day ~ *in unison*  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath ~ congregation sings  
*Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel Verse 3 # 34*  
The Lessons  
\*Gospel Acclamation ~ *Alleluia. Lord,...* p. 62  
\*The Holy Gospel # 41  
Hymn ~ *O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
Message ~ ***Should We Look for Another?***  
\*Apostles' Creed p. 65  
Tithes and Thankofferings  
\*Offertory ~ *Create in me...* p. 75  
\*Prayers  
\*The Lord's Prayer p. 76  
\*The Blessing  
\*Closing Hymn ~ *The First Noel* # 56  
\*Dismissal  
Postlude

**Today**

**Greeters:** Mike and Michele Harshbarger; **Sound:** Joe Kanagy  
**Lay Reader:** Mike Harshbarger; **Elevator:** Randy Harshbarger

**Next Sunday ~ December 21**

**Communion:** Carol Fultz; **Greeter/Lay Reader:** Chelsea Reed  
**Elevator:** Joe Kanagy; **Sound:** Calvin Byler

**Pastor:** Rev. Mike Sigler Ph. # 717-437-7007  
**Office Hours** ~ Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00am-Noon  
(Subject to change to accommodate meetings, hospital visits, etc)  
**Organist/Pianist:** Rick Cole Ph. # 717-460-7831 or 717-310-4444  
**Church Office:** 935-2032; **Email us** [secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org)  
**St. John's Christian Day Care:** 935-2959

***Our Mission Statement***

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another in our homes, church, community and the world.*

***Our Vision Statement***

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by Marjorie Shilling in loving memory of  
her husband, Dick Shilling.

Please remember in prayer ~ Gary Fultz, Anne Peachey, Jim Buchanan, Bob Keller, Charlie Murphy, Desa Keiser, Elliana Byler, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Buck Metz (Valley View), Patsy Carson and Reba Harmon (Celebration Villa), Betty Harmon (Greenwood Village).

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

**TODAY** Congregational Meeting

**TUESDAY 6:30pm** Property Committee meeting

**WEDNESDAY 10:30am** Bible Study

**6:00pm** Hand Bell practice

**7:00pm** Choir rehearsal

**NEXT SUNDAY** Holy Communion

**UPCOMING** Wednesday, December 24 ~ 7:00pm Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service

**POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE TODAY. Forms can be found in the December newsletter and in the narthex.**

Members are asked to please proceed to the fellowship hall for the congregational meeting. There will be plenty of hot coffee and donuts.

*A heartfelt thank you for your prayers, flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy since the death of our Mother, Bonnie Bigelow. It is never easy to lose a loved one, no matter how ready we may think we are. We had wonderful parents, and thank God for the blessing of family and church family.*

*Kelly Byler, Deidra Baker and T.R. Bigelow*

The 2026 offering envelopes can be found in member mailboxes. Birthday calendars will be available in the narthex **next Sunday**.

This year's Gift Show was the best we have had since Daphne and Jim Marthouse turned it over to the daycare as a fundraiser. After expenses we made \$5,700.00, and, 10% has been tithed to the church for fuel oil. Thank you to everyone who supported the show by donating food, baked goods, their time and those who came to buy. We are hoping to do it all again next year...God willing!

**Still needed are volunteers to run elevator and sound system on Christmas Eve.** If you can help in this way, PLEASE contact the church office.

If you would like to serve as an usher next year, please contact Nancy Penepacker at 717-935-2966 or speak with her following the worship service.

The Social Ministry committee is continuing to collect canned goods/non perishables for the Shelter Service. A list of need items was included in last week's bulletin and can be found in the narthex with the donation boxes.

There are still a few dates available for anyone who would like to place Altar flowers next year. Sign-ups can be found in the narthex. The cost remains at \$40.00.

The *Mitten Tree* can be found in the narthex for your donations of new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and slipper socks for children/adults.

**Headsets are available for anyone who may benefit from using them to more clearly hear our worship service. Please see one of the sound system operators, if interested.**

Last week's attendance ~ 40    Offering ~ \$3,705.00

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