Welcome to



## 17 December 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!

Our Gospel reading is John 1.6-8,19-28 and our response is, **"Praise be to thee, O Christ"** spoken in unity aloud. Call to Worship: Psalm 126 Hymns: Opening #196 Prayer #212 Closing #186 At the presentation of our offerings we sing the Doxology # 668

Studies this week: No studies this week.

Today we Light the First Advent Candle - "Joy"

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in memory of Calvin Ashwell by his family.

There is a Poinsettia watering schedule at the Welcome Center. Please help us keep them looking their best. Thanks.

Thanks to all who helped yesterday at Calvin's Memorial Service. We have such a loving and working church. Thanks & love you all, Pr. Tom.

This Thursday (21<sup>st</sup>) we are Caroling at Heritage Green beginning at 5:45 pm and then back to the church for our Christmas Party with Santa. Please join with us, and bring a dish to share.

Pr. Tom is making his personal offer again for any who read the entire bible in the coming year – a free meal at a very nice restaurant! If you have any questions or need a reading plan, please let him know. To read it through entirely, only takes about 20 minutes a day! Let's do it!

## Upcoming Opportunities:

-	December 24 <sup>th</sup> Services - 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Service	-	10:00am
	Christmas Eve Service	-	4:00pm
	Candle Light Service	-	11:00pm

## Sermon Notes *What* You Least Expected John 1.6-9, 19-28

1. An_		Messenger
2. An_		Beginning.
3. A	Jesus Forgives You	Ending.
	Jesus Fulfills You: 1. Restored Life	
	<ol> <li>Abundant Life</li> <li>Eternal Life</li> </ol>	
	(Odd, Unlikely, Greater)	