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Focus for Next Week

December 21st, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Seeing and Understanding the Signs

Isaiah 7:10-16

Matthew 1:18-25

Public WIFI Log-in

PFUMC-Guest Password: ConnectMe!

Let us know you are worshiping with us, whether you are in the Sanctuary or on Facebook. Please fill out a connect card in your bulletin or use the comment section on Facebook to make your prayer request known to the pastor. He will include your thanks to God

and your prayer concerns in our pastoral prayer.

If you would like to add your prayers to the weekly prayer chain, contact Karen Lynch at 717-571-5903 or karen_lynch@me.com.

9:00 AM Non-Traditional Service

10:30 AM Traditional Service

All services are both in person and live-streamed on our website and Facebook

<u>Palmyra First</u> <u>United Methodist Church</u>



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December 14th, 2025 Opportunities for All

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM Service

Serving Christ, Changing Lives!

*Congregation standing, as able

Opportunities for All

Prelude

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath #196 v 1 "Come, Thou..."

*Call to Worship Wilson p. 15 (Lectionary Worship Aids) alt.

Leader: Let all who are in awe of the Lord

wait upon God's holy deliverance.

People: But the times are hard and the land is hostile.

Leader: Yet the Lord hears every plea of our hearts.

We are not left alone.

People: Then let us take comfort

in the mighty arm of the Lord,

Leader: and let us lift our voices in loving praise.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*Opening Hymn #206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Opening Prayer Corl p. 17 (Lectionary Worship Aids) alt.

We wander so easily, Father,

from the paths of righteousness.

We long for you to create a new road for us to find our way into you gracious love and redemption.

But the road has already been prepared by Jesus Christ.

Forgive us our fears, insecurities, and sins which have kept us from having a closer walk with you.

Come to us in the advent of your Son so we may be reborn to joy and gladness.

In his name we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer "using the word sins instead of trespasses"

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

Gospel Reading Luke 1:47-55

Sermon "Opportunities for All"

*Affirmation of Faith #887 Based on Romans 8

*Hymn of Response #195 "Send Your Word"

Offering

*Offertory Response #95 "Praise God For Whom...."

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

*Closing Hymn #57 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*Benediction

*Choral Response #670 v. 2 "Go Forth for God...(in Love)"

Postlude