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Welcome to the
**North Benton Presbyterian
Church**

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***“Since 1818, A church where everyone is someone
and Jesus Christ is Lord!”***

North Benton Presbyterian Church

December 14, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT

(The Todd Gainor Family)

CHURCH LIFE

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

CALL TO JOIN IN WORSHIP (based on Psalm 40)

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord.
People: He turned to me and heard my cry.
Pastor: He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire.
People: He set my feet on a rock and gave my feet a firm place to stand.
Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,
People: A hymn of praise to our God.
Pastor: Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.
All: Let us join in the worship of our God!

INVOCATION

+PRAISE SONGS “Oh Little Town of Bethlehem”
“Redeeming Love”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (Sunday School to Follow)

“With our Eyes”



In Our Prayers



“Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me,
and I will listen to you.” Jeremiah 29: 12



Sermon Notes

This Week

Sun Installation of Officers
12/14 9:30 Worship
(Youth Sunday
School after children's
message)
Searchers Class

Sun 9:30 Worship
12/21 (Youth Sunday
School after children's
message)
Searchers Class
Brunch with Santa

Caring, Sharing, Praying

Nursing Home:
Dan Rowe
Essex #1, Salem, OH 44460
(Rm.#201)

Continued Prayer for:
Denton & Marilyn Herron,
James Hilles, Stan & Sandy
Jozwiakowski, Val Winters
& Emily Winters, Paul &
Maeo Bates, Carol Schiffler,
Chris & Alicia Gamble

*Contact the office to add or
remove a name*

CALL TO CONFESSION (Romans 3:23-24)

Pastor: There are two great equalizers among us. One is that we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory. The other is that we are all now justified by God's grace through the gift of Christ Jesus. Confident of both, let us admit where we have fallen short and receive grace without limit. Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ as we confess our sin in silence:

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Matthew 1:21)

Pastor: The angel told Joseph, "You are to name the baby Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah! Amen.

+GLORIA PATRI

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE (Psalm 24: 1)

Pastor: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.

+DOXOLOGY

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

+Hymn #185 "Away In A Manger"



Brunch With Santa

December 21 after church service



Candlelight Service

December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Deacon Greeters -----	Cindy Ruffier
-----	Jodi Weibush
Keyboard-----	Marilyn Smith
Praise Songs-----	Sylvia Hammond
Sound System -----	Jason Eshelman
Acolyte -----	Ryleigh Kampfer

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: Come Holy Spirit! Through the reading and hearing of the Word today, may a deep and complete joy be born in us. Amen

SCRIPTURE “Matthew 11: 2-11”

SERMON

“Where Is Jesus When the Need is Deep and Great??”

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

All: God of grace, Who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give to us courage and discipline to follow where Your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare Your wonderful deeds and show Your love to the world, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.

+HYMN #186 (Verses 1-2)

“Open My Eyes”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #186 (verse 3)

“Open My Eyes”

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK’S SERMON:

“Where is Jesus When Life Turns Upside Down?” based on Matthew .1:18-25



PRAISE SONGS



“Oh Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years, are met in thee tonight.
For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep, their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together, proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.
O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

“Redeeming Love”

From God’s heaven to a manger, from great riches to the poor,
came the holy Son of God, a little Child;
From the azure halls of heaven, to a lowly manger stall,
Jesus came, and here He gave His life for all.
*Redeeming love, a love that knows no limit;
Redeeming love, a love that never dies;
My soul shall sing throughout the endless ages
the adoration of this great love on high.*
From a loving heavenly Father, to a world that knew Him not,
came a man of sorrows, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
In my wandering Jesus found me, touched my life with His great love,
and this Babe has grown to be my sovereign Lord.
(Chorus)