

CHRISTMAS CANTATA
“HOLY CHILD”

Director: Dana Moody **Narrator: Dr. Daniel Etheridge**

“How Great Our Joy!” with “Jesus, Joy of Earth and Heaven”
Choir; quartet: Casey Bailey, Ann Lee, Don Moody, Ned Alderman

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” with “Come, Lord Jesus” Choir; solo: Shellene Castellow

“Great and Wonderful” Choir

At the Manger: “A Manger Song,” “Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head,” “Child in a Manger”
Choir; soloists: Kay Hill, Lisa Bailey

“Gloria” with “Angels We Have Heard on High” Choir

“Not Just Any Night” Choir

“Everything Within Me Worships You” Choir; solo: Debbie Rippard

“The Jesus Gift” Choir; solo: Monica Whitehurst

Celebrate His Name: “His Name,” “No Other Name,” “O Come, Let Us Adore Him” Choir

SENDING FORTH
Go forth and magnify the Lord.
We will rejoice in God, our Savior.
Go forth and live in the Lord.
We will draw strength from the one who scattered the proud and brought down the powerful from their thrones.
Go forth and bless God’s holy name.
We will give glory and honor to the Lord, our God.
Go with God.

POSTLUDE **“Gloria”** **DANA MOODY**



"God's Body in this Community"

“Oaklette United Methodist Church through worship, education, and outreach, seeks to make the gospel of Jesus Christ real, as we minister to all people.”

December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent


Welcome in the name of our Lord. A nurturing and well-supervised nursery is available for infants and young children. A cry room is also available. Please ask the greeter for further assistance and directions to these rooms.

GREETING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER
Loving, sustaining God, like the mighty oak, may our branches at Oaklette church embrace those around us in this community. Use us as an instrument to welcome and shelter your people. Deepen our roots so that our branches are strong. Let the Holy Spirit flow like a river through our church so that we may do your will. In Jesus’ holy name, Amen.

OPENING SCRIPTURE **Luke 1:46b-55 NRSV**
And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING **JOSHUA VANNOY**
In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God’s salvation

We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.

CALL TO WORSHIP, PSALM 146:5-10, NRSV

OPENING PRAYER

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O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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In lieu of cards, Daniel and Diana Etheridge have made a donation to Oaklette UMC

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