MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

TODAY – Christmas Luncheon immediately after Worship Service Kilmarnock Garden Club – Tuesday, Dec. 16th from 1:00 to 3:15pm

Bible Study – Wednesdays at 9:30am, ALL are welcome.

Food Pantry – Wednesday, Dec. 17th from 1:00 to 3:00pm

Choir Practice – Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Deacons Meeting – Thursday, Dec. 18th at 11:am

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST: Master's Blend Sunday School Class invites you to a CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST on Sunday, December 21, 2025, at 9:00 am in the KBC Fellowship Hall. And don't hesitate to bring any guests who may be visiting with you during this holiday season. There will be breakfast, the Annual Men's Holiday Tie and Socks Contest (always a nail biter!!), and then we will study God's word through scripture, stories, and reflections.

POINSETTIAS: You can still order a potted poinsettia for \$17.00 each. Please fill out a form and place it in one of the red boxes in either foyer.

NOUVELET CHAMBER CHOIR_will sing the good news of Christmas for their 14th annual Christmas concert at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church (next door) on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2:00 pm. The Choir will appreciate a donation to help support their music-related philanthropies. This year they are supporting the music program at Lancaster public schools.

CALLED BUSINESS MEETING: On Sunday, December 28, there will be a brief Called Business Meeting after morning worship for the purpose of making one small change to the church 2026 budget. The change will zero out one line item, adding those funds to another line item. This edit will not change the "bottom line" previously approved by the church. The Budget and Finance Committee recommends the change to ensure that the church remains in compliance with all laws and regulations regarding the pastor's salary and benefits.

WMU DECEMBER MISSIONS: Victor Vula, missionary in Myanmar, and Mercy Chefs feeding hot meals to victims and first responders in emergencies and natural disasters, honoring the memory of Lottie Moon who gave her life for missions.



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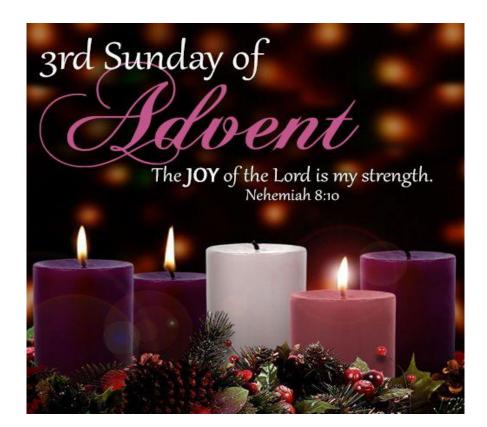
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Kilmarnock Baptist Church

Welcome to Worship! Third Sunday of Advent

> **December 14, 2025 Order of Worship**

Please quiet voices, hearts, and cell phones in preparation for worship.

Preparation:

"When joy, pleasure and happiness, profusely to us come, We are not slow to say "Father, Thy will be done." - Lillian E. Curtis

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne **MARGARET**

Welcome and Announcements Bob Gray

Invocation Bob Gray Call to Worship God Is Near John Raney

Advent Responsive Reading

Bill & Janet Joyner

Leader: During Advent, our eyes are opened to the wonders of God.

People: With God all things are possible.

Leader: During Advent, our faith is nurtured by the promise of God.

People: With God all things are possible.

Leader: During Advent, our hope is reawakened to the presence of God.

People: With God all things are possible.

Leader: During Advent, our lives are touched by the love of God.

People: With God all things are possible.

Candle Lighting

Bill & Janet Joyner

Today we light three candles **The first candle** reminds us that Advent is a time to hear again the message of hope offered through the Savior's birth. **The second candle** calls us to believe that just as God worked mighty deeds in ages past, God is still actively at work today. **The third candle** is lit as we draw closer to God in faithful acceptance. Advent reminds us that even when God's ways exceed our understanding, God's word still demands our trust. As we continue our Advent journey, let us hear what God has spoken, believe what God has promised., and accept what God has revealed.

Choral Response

Listen to the angels, hear the message they bring;

Telling the news of a coming King;

Filling the world with hope and good cheer.

Jesus, Emmanuel, God is near.

Unison Prayer

Bill & Janet Joyner

Gracious Lord, as we continue on our Advent journey, help us to hear again the message of the season, to place our faith in your unfolding promises, and lead us towards full acceptance of your will as it unfolds in the world and in our lives. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 35: 3 - 6a and 10 (pg. 578)

Gail Saylor

Hymn of Praise * 89 O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES New Testament Reading James 5: 7-10 (pg. 980) Gail Saylor Pastoral Prayer Kevin Crowder Offertory Hymn * 80 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence **PICARDY** Offertory Prayer Bob Gray Offertory Still, Still, Still Gary Davidson Doxology Choral Anthem How Will We Know Him **ALTHOUSE** Gospel Reading Kevin Crowder Matthew 11: 2 - 11 (pg. 792) Kevin Crowder Sermon "Patience: Hurry Up and Wait" Invitation Hymn * † 112 He Is Born IL EST NE Benediction Kevin Crowder Choral Benediction A Christmas Blessing Arr: John Purifoy Chimes

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† If you have decided to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ and/or join the Kilmarnock Baptist Church family, you may signal that by coming forward to meet the minister during the final hymn.

Old Testament

^{*} If you are able, please stand.