



Faith - Family - Fellowship

Order of Worship
Third Sunday in Advent
8:45 a.m.
December 14, 2025

Words of Welcome		Doug Hammond
Video / Joy (AI Definition of Joy)		Pastor Robert
Prayer of Joy		Pastor Robert
Call to Worship	Go, Tell it on the Mountain	Chancel Choir
Hymn of Hope	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Hymnal # 89-Choir (vs. 1 & 3) Congregation (vs. 2 & 4)	
Sacrament of Holy Baptism		Benjamin Hermanson
Words of Wisdom	Isaiah 40:1-11	Myra Ripley
Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy	Luke 2:1-11	Rochelle Conley & Brenda Williams
Anthem of Joy	While By My Sheep	Chancel Choir
Blessing of the Offering / New Doxology		Jim Vaughn
Video		
Spiritual Vitamin	A Time for Salvation	
Reaffirmation of Faith		
Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer		Shawn Boykin
Video - Secret Santa		
Hymn of Love	Joy to the World Hymnal #245-All Sing, vs 1-4	Congregation
Going Forth Candle Lighter - Rochelle Conley & Brenda Williams		Layne Thompson

Prayer of Joy

Pastor: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim that her sin has been paid for.

People: We rejoice in Your mercy, O Lord. You have come to bring peace and pardon.

Pastor: A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

People: Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low. The glory of the Lord will be revealed!

Pastor: And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

People: An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them.

Pastor: “Do not be afraid,” the angel said. “I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”

People: Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord!

Pastor: He tends His flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart.

People: We rejoice in the Savior’s birth. He is our joy, our peace, and our salvation.

All Together: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests! We welcome You, Jesus—our Redeemer, our Shepherd, our King. Amen.

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Words of Wisdom – Isaiah 40:1-11
JOY
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Today we hear from the Prophet, Isaiah, as he announces the coming of our King.

“Comfort, yes, comfort my people,” says your God. “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and tell her that her sad days are gone. Her sins are pardoned, and I have punished her in full for all her sins.”

Listen! I hear the voice of someone shouting, “Make a road for the Lord through the wilderness; make him a straight, smooth road through the desert. Fill the valleys; level the hills; straighten out the crooked paths, and smooth off the rough spots in the road. The glory of the Lord will be seen by all mankind together.” The Lord has spoken—it shall be.

The voice says, “Shout!”

“What shall I shout?” I asked.

“Shout that man is like the grass that dies away, and all his beauty fades like dying flowers. The grass withers, the flower fades beneath the breath of God. And so it is with fragile man. The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God shall stand forever.”

O crier of good news, shout to Jerusalem from the mountaintops! Shout louder—don’t be afraid—tell the cities of Judah, “Your God is coming!” Yes, the Lord God is coming with mighty power; he will rule with awesome strength. See, his reward is with him, to each as he has done. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will carry the lambs in his arms and gently lead the ewes with young. (Isaiah 40:1-11)

May God bless your discernment of His Word.

People: Praise be to God. May we always keep His holy scriptures sacred within our heart.

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Candle of Joy

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Today we celebrate the Third Sunday in the Season of Advent. We light the pink candle, which represents **Joy**. The third week of Advent is about the joy that is ours because God has entered the world.

Angels heralded the birth of the Messiah and kings came from the east to worship and marvel at what God has done. And we marvel as well, that God would step into our world, broken and marred by our sin. And the knowledge that God is accomplishing something new, and that he cannot be stopped or deterred, brings us great comfort and great **joy**, even as we still live in a world with sorrow and pain.

Allow these words from the book of Luke to open your heart to God's will for your life in accepting His Son as your Lord and Savior.

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria. All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. **The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord**—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!