

The Lord's Day
Third Sunday of Advent, December 15, 2024
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A Prayer For Joy

God, because You are with me and in me, I can have joy in every season of my life. As I go about my day, help me to remember Your love and promises, which are the source of all my joy. The Bible says that Christ came so that I may have life and enjoy it to the fullest. I pray that I would do just that. Lord, lead me into Your presence now so that I may receive an overflow of Your love, enough to be a blessing to those around me.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

The Morning Message

Pastor John White—Tell Me What I Want To Hear
2 Timothy 4:1-4, Zechariah 12:1

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR

The Family and Friends of Donald Frost

Darlene Bates • Deb Reitz
Carol Miles • Lewis Carter
Marilyn's Brother • Deb Reitz
John Ridgeway • Wayne Greenfield
Heather Whaley • Bev Commings
Kevin Bellville • Carol Merritt • Dan Conway
Mary Hesford • Annie Grant • Gary Peterson
Shaun Hull • Elaine LaCelle • Mark Freeden
Burt Goodnough • Dick Bryant • Stanley Kepner
Stanley Perzan • Beverly Snyder • Phoebe Wheeler

MISSIONS: John White, Regroup Ministry to Pastors

ALL MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, December 22, 2024

Greeters: Bill Butman / Kelly Blair

Security: Todd Caufield / Lyle Robbins / Dan Edmonds

No Ladies Bible study Dec. 16-30. Starts again on Monday, Jan 6.

Monday, December 16, 6:00 PM: Packing Christmas Care Boxes, all food items should be to church by today.

Tuesday, December 17, 9:00 AM: Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, December 17, 9:00 AM: Friendship Shop Gift wrapping day at United Methodist Church, unwrapped gifts should be to church by today.

Wednesday, December 18, 6:00-7:30 PM: Grief Sharing Program

Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 PM: Activ8Her Chapter Meeting

Friday, December 20, 6:00 PM: Christmas Caroling

Tuesday, December 24, 6:00 PM: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 25, 10:00 AM: Christmas Day Service

Great Joy

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior, has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:10-12)

Biblical joy is the joy humans feel when they are lovingly exposed to the glory of their creator, God. It occurs when God's people are drawn mind, body, and spirit into the presence of God. Jesus, the Son of God, the same God who was hidden behind the veil of the temple's curtain, was now outside of the veil, Emmanuel, God with us.

Jesus came on a mission of joy. A mission to give his people an experience of life beyond anything they had experienced before and greater than they were capable of by themselves. And it wasn't just the angels that knew that mission, Jesus said it clearly, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10) And, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." (John 15:11)

The joy of Christmas is not that man has approached God, but that God has approached us.

JOY

BURST INTO
SONGS OF **JOY** TOGETHER...
HE HAS REDEEMED JERUSALEM.

ISAIAH 52:9