

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Advent 3: Joy

Sunday • December 14, 2025

Mission Statement: As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

— OPENING —

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hanukah Song

Vivian Klein

LIGHTING CANDLE of JOY

Corbett-Klein Family

Leader: We have waited in the shadows ...

People: *Will joy find us?*

Leader: We have wished in the long hours ...

People: *Will joy make a home here?*

Leader: We have whispered in the between-times ...

People: *Is joy possible?*

Leader: We have wondered in the night ...

People: *Will joy come again?*

All: *Today we light the candle of joy. Our time of preparation continues. As we wait, and make ready, may we create a place for joy's presence in our hearts, our relationships, our community, and our world. May all of creation gather itself to rejoice!*

*SONG 134

Joy to the World

Sharon Novak

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF PEOPLE & SILENCE

LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

*SONG 135

Angels We

Have Heard on High

Sharon Novak

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE

Zephaniah 3:14-20

& Luke 1:46-56

REFLECTION

Joy Is Possible

Rev Gail Doktor

*SONG 158

Good Christians

All, Rejoice

Sharon Novak

— OFFERING —

SPECIAL

God Rest Ye

MUSIC

Merry Gentlemen

George Klein

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*DOXOLOGY

Doxology

Sharon Novak

— CLOSING —

BENEDICTION

Sharon Novak

May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.

May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.

May the love of God live in us today. May the peace of God

be with us today, May the peace of God be with us today.

May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.

May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,

May the love of God shine through us today.

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20 — *A Song of Joy*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival." I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

LUKE 1:46-56 — *Mary's Song of Praise*

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." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

CALENDAR for ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



Sun, DEC 14 – ADVENT 3: Joy

- 10:30am • **WORSHIP** with ADVENT 3: JOY
- 1-3pm • **COMMUNITY CAROLING**
(arrive early @ JCC to carpool)

Thurs, DEC 18

- 1-3pm • **LADIES COOKIE EXCHANGE**
@ Perkins' ([rsvp](#) to JCC via email)
- 6pm • **QUIET (Blue) CHRISTMAS**

Fri, DEC 19

- 6pm • **JINGLE JAM & COMMUNITY CONCERT** w/
DellaVallas @ Whitney

Sat, DEC 20

- 7:30am • **MENS' BREAKFAST**

Sun, DEC 21 – ADVENT 4: Love & PAGEANT

- 10:30am • **WORSHIP/PAGEANT** - Advent 4: Love

Wed, DEC 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5pm • **OUTDOOR WORSHIP**
- 9pm • **CANDLELIGHT & CAROLS WORSHIP**

Thurs, DEC 25 – CHRISTMAS MORN

- 10:30am • **PAJAMAS & BELLS**