Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church The Lord's Day, December 13, 2020 Third Sunday in Advent: JOY

10:50 AM Church Family Announcements 11 AM Morning Worship

Prelude B.J. Lyle

Ministry in Music "Joy to the World" Ensemble

Welcome Pastor Karen

Lighting of the Advent Candle- JOY!

Noell Family

Today we relight the first two candles of the Advent wreath. The candle of HOPE and the candle of PEACE. Now we light the third candle of Advent. This is the candle of JOY! As the coming of the Messiah the first time brought Joy to many of those who saw HIM, so too may our hearts be filled with joy as we anticipate seeing HIM when He returns.

Hear the Word of the Lord concerning the Messiah and His mission:

Isaiah 61:1-3b The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

From the Gospel of Luke 2 "...the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Let us Pray. We joyfully praise you O Lord for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation by faith, found in your Son the Lord Jesus Christ. Restore to us today the joy of our salvation as we celebrate the birth of Jesus and anticipate His return. Amen.

*Praise Songs	"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"
•	"What Child Is This?"

Children's Sermon		Pastor Karen
*Hymn of Preparation	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	Page 249
*Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Paul
Sermon	JOY ACCOMPANIES JESUS!	Pastor Paul
*Hymn of Dedication	"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"	Page 273

You are welcome to use the church wi-fi! The password is—psqvcvk4xr3cf5

SCRIPTURES: Gal. 5:22; Luke 1:14-15; Is. 9:1-3; Matt. 1:21; Lk. 1:41-48; Matt. 2:10;

SERMON: JOY ACCOMPANIES JESUS!

Luke 2:20; Ma	att. 28:2; Luke 24:51-53; Psalm 51:10-12; Rom. 11:33-36; 1 Peter 1:3-15;
Rom 8:35-39:	; Mark 14:14-20; Is. 65:17-19
Kom. 0.33 37,	, Mark 11.11 20, 15. 05.17 17

CHOOSING JOY

I have discovered that a joyful countenance has nothing to do with one's age or one's occupation (or lack of it) or one's geography or education or marital status or good looks or circumstances. Joy is a choice! Joy is a matter of attitude that stems from one's confidence in God—that He is at work, that He is in full control, that He is in the midst of whatever has happened, is happening, and will happen. Either we fix our minds on that and determine to laugh again, or we wail and whine our way through life, complaining that we never got a fair shake. We are the ones who consciously determine which way we shall go. To paraphrase the poet:

One ship sails east One ship sails west Regardless of how the winds blow. It is the set of the sail, and not the gale That determines the way we go. (Ella Wheeler Wilcox)

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Rom 15:13

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