

Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church

The Lord’s Day, December 12, 2021

Third Sunday in Advent: JOY

The Lord gives strength to His people; the LORD blesses his people with peace. Ps. 29:11

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:50 AM Church Family Announcements

11 AM Morning Worship

Prelude

B.J. Lyle

Welcome

Pastor Paul

Lighting of the Joy Advent Candle

Bundy Family

Today we relight the first two candles of the Advent wreath. The candle of HOPE and the candle of PEACE. Today we light the pink candle of JOY as well. 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.

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 broken hearted, 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.

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. That you for the gift of salvation by faith, found in your Son the Lord Jesus. Restore to us today the joy of our salvation as we celebrate the birth of Jesus and anticipate His return. AMEN

Praise Songs

“Hope, Peace, Joy” - “What Child Is This?”

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-2, 6-12

Pastor Paul

Pastoral Prayer

Ministry of Music

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Instrumental Ensemble

Soprano Saxophone- Leroy Bland

Trumpet- Paul Harrington

Trumpet- Harry Ward

French Horn- Shannon Stanton

Trombone- Tiffany Hassell-Abel

Baritone- Noah Abel

Hymn#270

“Joy to the World!”

vv. 1,2,4

Sermon

Return to Joy

Pastor Paul

Scriptures: Luke 1:42-44, Luke 2:0; Luke 1:46-49; Matt. 13:1-23; Luke 2:8-11; Eph. 4:17-32;

Psalms 51:12; 1 Peter 1:3-9; Heb. 11:13-16; Is. 65:17-19; Neh. 8:10.

Closing Hymn#271

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

vv. 1,2

Choosing Joy by Charles Swindoll

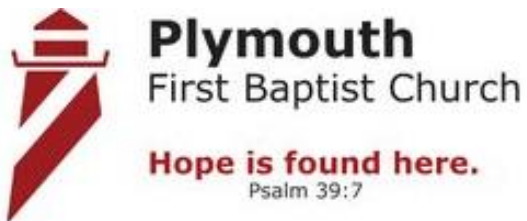
I have discovered that a joyful countenance has nothing to do with one's age or one's occupation (or lack of it) or one's geography or education or marital status or good looks or circumstances. Joy is a choice!

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)

Regardless of how severely the winds of adversity may blow, we set our sails toward joy.

Joy is an attitude that stems from our confidence that God is in full control.



Senior Pastor – Rev. Paul T. Harrington
Choir Director – Scott Bradshaw
Organist – B.J. Lyle
Office Administrator- Danita Davis
Deacon of the Month- Tony Dail