



Plymouth First Baptist Church

December 11, 2022

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:50 AM Church Family Announcements

11 AM Morning Worship

Organ Prelude

BJ Lyle

Welcome

Pastor Paul

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Johnny, Jolie and Hailey Barnes

Today we light the first two candles of the Advent wreath. The candle of HOPE and the candle of PEACE. Today we also light the pink 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.

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. Isaiah 61:1-3

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 that is ours by faith 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

Ministry of Music

Christmas Bell Tidings

FBC Bell Choir

Hymn#90

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
All Verses**

Congregation

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Psalm 16

Lloyd Jones

Offertory Hymn#269

**How Great Our Joy
All Verses**

Congregation

Offertory Scripture & Prayer

Mary Kay Bradshaw

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Matt. 13:44

Offering

Ushers

Doxology

Congregation

Sermon: A People of Joy

Pastor Paul

Jesus' Kingdom is marked by the presence of joy. Romans 14:17
This is the manner we are to serve in His kingdom. Of course, all the blessings of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love are in the context of the phrase,
"The now and the not yet."

This world was created in the context of unmitigated joy. Job 38:4-7
When Adam and Eve sinned, the human race lost so much, including living in the context of full happiness and joy. - this will be restored to us in the next life.

Heaven is filled with joyful praise! Isaiah 6:1-4

In the here and now we are called to live like Jesus! His life produced joy!

At His birth:

Mary and Elizabeth Luke 1:42-43,46

Angels Luke 2:10,13-14

Simeon and Anna in the temple. Luke 2

As a toddler, The Magi's visit was marked with joy. Matthew 2:10

During his ministry the healings, miracles, teachings brought joy!

This resulted in a joyful entrance into Jerusalem. Luke 19:39-40

Joy is the flag that flies when a righteous king is on the throne.

His kingdom is one of transforming hearts for now- and we witness to those of this world of that kingdom as we rejoice in the LORD! Luke 17:20-25; 2 Thes. 2:1-12. Habakkuk 2:2-5, 14,20.

To experience the joy of the kingdom to a measure now, we must be fully devoted to and abiding in Jesus and submitting to authority He the King of righteous Joy! Phil 4:4; 1 Thes. 5:16-18; John 16:19-22, 32-34

Hymn of Invitation#506 I'd Rather Have Jesus Congregation

The Facebook feed ends before the hymn of invitation. *If you need spiritual counsel, please come forward during the closing hymn or see one of the pastors after the service- We would be honored to speak to you! - God Bless.*



Rev. Paul T. Harrington, Senior Pastor
Loyd Jones, Associate Pastor
Scott Bradshaw, Choir Director
B.J. Lyle, Organist
Danita Davis, Church Office Administrator
Harry Ward, Deacon of the Month