

Plymouth First Baptist Church

Sunday December 17, 2023
3rd Sunday in Advent:

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship

Organ Prelude B. J. Lyle

Welcome Pastor Paul

Lighting of the Advent Candles Scott and Mary Kay Bradshaw

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.

Isaiah 31:1-3 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,² 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 for 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.

Hymn #271 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You Congregation

Responsive Reading #752 I Sing for Joy Loyd Jones

Choir Anthem FBC Choir

Offertory Hymn #245 Congregation

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Vs. 1,2,4

Offertory Scripture and Prayer Don Wynne

James 1: 2-4 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,^{1a} whenever you face trials of many kinds,³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Offering Ushers
Doxology Congregation

Sermon: JOY Pastor Paul

Scriptures: Isaiah 35:9-10; 1 Thessalonians 5:8; Isaiah 32:17;
Psalm 97:11-12; Isaiah 61:1-3; Habakkuk 3:17-19

Facebook video feed ends before the closing hymn.

Closing Hymn #293 Congregation

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness vs, 1,3

Closing Prayer Loyd Jones

Called Conference

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

In Honor or Memory of:

Given By:

Cost is \$17.00
Deadline to order is Sunday, Dec 17
These flowers will decorate the sanctuary
till after Christmas Services— then you
may take them home— Thank you!

**Welcome to
First Baptist Church**

December 17, 2023

*Let us know you were with us today and place
in offering plate. Thank you!*

Name: _____

Contact Information: (new or changed)

First-time visitor? _____

Prayer request you would like to share or
a question for the church office?

Put request on our printed list? Yes / No.

I am interested in joining PFBC.

I am interested in being baptized.

I would like to be included in the
church texting information service.

Cell phone # _____

Communicate with Danita Davis:

(Office Administrator)

Message: _____

Phone Number: _____

Communicate with Pastor Paul:

(Senior Pastor)

Message: _____

Phone Number: _____

Communicate with Pastor Loyd:

(Assoc. Pastor of Children and Youth)

Message: _____

Phone number: _____



**Advent Readings for your
personal meditation
throughout the week.**


Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

1 Thess. 5:16-24

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Space for additional notes:



Nursery
Ministry Rotation

Dec. 17: Faith Noell and Jolie Barnes

Dec. 24: Dianne Swain and Susan Sawyer



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

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