Plymouth First Baptist Church

Sunday December 17, 2023 3rd Sunday in Advent:

> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Paul

B. J. Lyle

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. Responsive Reading #752

Choir Anthem

Offertory Hymn #245

I Sing for Joy Lo

Loyd Jones

FBC Choir

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, ^[a] 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:JOYPastor PaulScriptures: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

Closing Prayer

Loyd Jones

Called Conference

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness vs. 1.3

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These flowers will decorate the sanctuary
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December 17, 2023 Let us know you were with us today and place in offering plate. Thank you!

Name:

Contact Information: (new or changed)



Space for additional notes:

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

First-time visitor?

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

	t request on our printed list?	-
I am interested in joining		BC.

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:

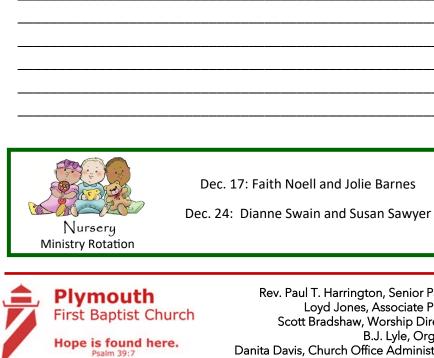
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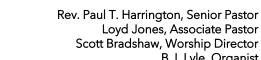
Communicate with Pastor Loyd:

(Assoc. Pastor of Children and Youth)

Message:







B.J. Lyle, Organist Danita Davis, Church Office Administrator Don Wynne, Deacon of the Month

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