



Joy

Third Sunday in Advent

December 13, 2020

Online Worship

Prelude *Carols of Christmas Medley* arr. Purifoy
Bill Robinson, Violin and Martha Robinson, Piano

Welcome to Worshipers Rev. Josh Beeler

Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Joy Cheyenne Duffy

It is during the times of volatility and strife

That the world most needs the love of God.

As the body of Christ we are called to be a light in the world.

We serve by understanding and responding to God's call.

Let us worship the One who calls us to serve!

With joy, we worship our God!

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

Carol *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
verse 3

Carol *Joy to the World*

Solo *Gesu Bambino* Shannon Stuck

Message *Hopeful: Rejoice* Rev. Josh Beeler

Ministry Moment / Benediction

Postlude *Christmas Medley*



This is a trying time for all of us, but even still, the birth of Christ calls us to JOY. Why? Because God's salvation has been born among us. God has not left us to our own suffering, but has been born into it. From a dark and forgotten corner of the world, the Savior of the world is born! Nothing is too broken for God to redeem it! Nothing is too small or simple to be forgotten! Nothing is too lost to be found! Salvation has come for all of us, and for that — no matter what else we face — we REJOICE!

*"To you, Lord, I call; you are my Rock,
do not turn a deaf ear to me.
For if you remain silent,
I will be like those who go down to the pit.
Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help,
as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.*

*Do not drag me away with the wicked,
with those who do evil,
who speak cordially with their neighbors
but harbor malice in their hearts.
Repay them for their deeds and for their evil work;
repay them for what their hands have done
and bring back on them what they deserve.*

*Because they have no regard for the deeds of the Lord
and what his hands have done,
he will tear them down and never build them up again.*

*Praise be to the Lord,
for he has heard my cry for mercy.
The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.
My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.
The Lord is the strength of his people,
a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.
Save your people and bless your inheritance;
be their shepherd and carry them forever.”*

- Psalm 28

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past, he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future, he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan —

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.
You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.*

*For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.
Every warrior’s boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.*

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.*

*He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.*

- Isaiah 9:1-7

Reflect on these words as you sit in this holy space. Meditate on the ones that speak to you the most during this season. Then, let the joy of the Lord wash over you — no matter what you are facing! Think through all the gifts that you have to be joyful for! Offer a prayer of gratitude to God for these great gifts — and the gift of the Christ child — before you leave.



Family Info



IN THE HOSPITAL

Laura Martin - Tennova North
Pat Cummins - UT

SYMPATHY TO

Teresa Turner in the loss of her father

Financial Report for week ending December 6, 2020

	Required	Received	Last Year
12/6/2020	\$27,346.15	\$31,667.16	\$36,829.99
YTD	\$273,461.50	\$255,834.61	\$250,349.35

BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

Received in December to date \$2,514.00

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERING to date \$7,495.00

We encourage you to continue giving either online or by mail.

Missions & Ministry

TOYSTORE

It may have looked different this year, but we still gave Christmas to 222 children (80 families)! Thank you to the shoppers who worked tirelessly to ensure the children received what was on their wish list, to those who made a financial contribution, and to those who donated toys. Thank you to those who helped with setup, who loaded bags into the cars, and who helped clean up. We could not have done it without you!

WEDNESDAY KNITTING GROUP

A very special thanks to these wonderful ladies who have knitted 1,099 caps to send to the Mission of Hope, ToyStore and UT's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Upcoming Events



Advent Night tonight!

Sanctuary is open 5-7pm

5pm - Sheree Beeler, piano

Jeff Mize, trombone

6pm - David Flick, organ

Christmas Eve Service

6pm in the Prayer Garden

December 24

Church Office

will be closed December 24 - January 1

Christmas Missions Offering

Support our missions. Give at cbcfc.org/give

month of December

Pastor Search Committee

Please be in prayer for the Pastor Search Committee:

Robbie Cook, Kelly Gregory, Terry Hicks, Katlyn McMillan,
Kathy Rosenbalm, Jewell Tindell, Chris Ward, Judy Weber,
Scott Williford, John Wolfenbarger