

Welcome

Worship Songs "Angels We Have Heard on High"

 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven"

Advent Moment Candles of Joy & Love

Communion

Prayer

Scripture for Today Luke 2:10-14 (NIV)

Message "Joy Draws Near" Jack D. Cohen

Offering/Worship Song "Holy Forever"

*Closing

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JOY DRAWS NEAR

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” ¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.”
 – Luke 2:8-20

■ **Jesus brings _____**

“But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”
 – Luke 2:10

■ **Life has a _____, through His joy God brings _____**

“To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness...”
 – Isaiah 61:3

“But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.”
 – Psalm 3:3

○ *Joy is not _____; it's _____ – God is doing something great _____ you*

■ **God, through His joy, _____ our _____**

“But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah (Christ), the Lord.”
 – Luke 2:10-11

HOW TO UNTANGLE YOUR LIFE

■ **Find _____ – _____**

■ **Discover _____ – _____**

■ **Make a _____ – _____**

■ **_____ God – _____**

■ **If you are in the middle of unmet _____, just know that things can change _____**

“Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven.”

– Acts 2:2

“Suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.”

– Acts 9:3

“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared.”

– Luke 2:13

■ **Joy isn't an _____; it's a _____**

“Consider it pure joy when you face trials.”

– James 1:2

○ *_____ – “to _____ carefully, to _____ it out, to _____”*

■ **The greatest enemy of joy isn't pain, it's _____**