

The Nature of Christian Joy

- It is deep and constant even in the midst of difficulties and trying circumstances (v17).
 - Joy is not a flippant or pretend cheerfulness that exists only when you find yourself in good situations.
- It is connected to thankfulness, delight, and gladness; visible in our attitudes and actions (v18).
 - Joy is not an emotion that exists below the surface and continually gives way to complaining and bitterness (v14).

[Do Not] Grumble as some of them did and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age. Let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. **1Cor 10:10-12**

- Grumbling robs us of joy in Christ, and robs God of His glory in us.
- It causes your light to shine brightly (v15).

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light.

Isaiah 60:1-3

- God is working IN, what He commands you to work OUT (v 12-13).



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Welcome and Introduction: John Talley - Worship Pastor

Sing: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Advent Reading: The Powell Family

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you." But she was deeply troubled by this statement, wondering what kind of greeting this could be. Then the angel told her: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be...?" The angel replied to her: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:26-35

Sing: *Overcome - Christmas version*

Corporate Prayer: Rob Ballentine – Prayer Ministry Coordinator
Our prayer focus for this week is asking God to move, hover, build, and work salvation among us.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. **Genesis 1:1-3**

Sing: *Holy Spirit*

Important Dates to Remember

Sunday December 23rd at 10am is our annual Christmas Breakfast.
Please bring a dish to share with everyone and arrive a few minutes early to setup.

December 24th at 9pm is our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.
We will close out the Advent season with scripture reading, singing, and prayers.

Sunday December 30th our former Pastor Chase Thompson and his family will be visiting with us. We will have a **picnic lunch after church** (*bring something for your family*) as well as a **Corn-Hole Tournament for ages 13 and up**. The church will provide drinks and deserts.

Coming in January: Wednesday Night services resume on January 9th, **New members class** will be January 20th after church (See David for more info or if you would like to sign up) and our **Church Ministry Fair** will be January 27th during morning worship. More to come....



Sermon: **Philippians 2:12-18** | | David McConnell – Lead Pastor

REJOICE: *God is committed to your everlasting joy in him.*

LifeTruth: Because we know that God has called **joy** to be an **essential** part of the Christian life, we take heart that joy is **always possible** in Christ.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me. **Philippians 2:12-18**