

(prayed over by the elders) **Prayer Requests** 12/17/23

Advent-The period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus and also of the preparation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in advent-the candle of joy.

Introduction: During the next 4 weeks we will celebrate advent together by seeing what the bible teaches about hope, peace, **joy**, and love.

**Joy-**Merriam Webster-A feeling of great pleasure and happiness. The emotion evoked by well-being, success, or good fortune, or by the prospect of possessing what one desires. Biblical Joy- Touching the deepest springs of emotion, including the feeling of exultant gladness which often finds outward expression in such actions as leaping, shouting, and singing.

#### I. Where do we see joy in advent?

- A. Spoken by the angel to Zechariah. Luke 1:14-17
- B. In John the Baptist (and Elizabeth his mother) Luke 1:41-45
- C. Elizabeth's neighbors. Luke 1:57-58
- D. Spoken by the angel to the shepherds. Luke 2:8-12

### II. Where do you need joy today?

- A. In the midst of persecution? Luke 6:22-23
- B. In the midst of lost sheep? Luke 15:5-7
- C. In your relationship with Jesus? Luke 19:5-9

Conclusion: John the Baptist experienced true joy because Jesus was fulfilling prophecy and the kingdom of God was advancing. John 3:22-30 The bible teaches us that joy comes from a place inside of us and is not contingent on our circumstances. Are you filling your joy tank regularly by spending time in the presence of God?



**December 17, 2023** 



# **Greenview** Alliance Church

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# Welcome!

We're glad you're here.

If you are a visitor today or church member with a prayer request or if you need to contact a staff member or elder, please take a moment to fill out the attached connection card and place it in the offering plate, located at the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery is available for children ages 0 up to 4 years old. KidZone is available today. The volunteers are: Molly Kadash and Heather Way. All Children's Ministry workers have clearances on file with the church.

Steve Fish will lead us in prayer.

Pastor Ron Raymer will be giving the message, Advent-Week 3.

The worship team will be leading the following songs: House of the Lord, Joy To The World, He Shall Reign Forevermore, Glory In The Highest, and Angels We Have Heard on High.

Thank you for spending your morning with us!

### **See Church Center App for** our Event Calendar

9:30am Sunday Worship Service



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# Announcements

## **Second Offering for December is for Cottage Ministries**

This campus prioritizes ministry, training and equipping of young adults, we also desire to walk beside the church to be a help. We offer the opportunity to bring a youth group or young adults to experience a week of training and ministry/ evangelism opportunities.

## **Children's Ministry**

We will not be offering nursery or KidZone on December 24th or December 31st. We look forward to having both services with everyone all together!

### **Christmas Services**

We will be having regular worship service at 10:00am with a special Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 4:00pm.

### Save the Date

February 4th, following the Sunday Service, we will be having our Session B meeting.

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