



Bellflower UMC

Third Sunday of Advent

*Philippians 4:4 ~ Rejoice in the Lord
always; again I will say, rejoice.*

ENTRANCE

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

246. Joy to the World, v1

*Isaiah 12:6 - Shout aloud and sing
for joy, people of Zion, for great is
the Holy One of Israel among you."*

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

ADVENT CANDLE¹

Reader One: No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, Isaiah reminds us that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God's coming kingdom, we must not forget that God's salvation has come and is coming. "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). With joy you will remember that God's salvation is already present among us.

**Joy, joy, joy, may Earth be filled with joy.
The joy that fills our hearts with singing,
praising the One our God is sending.
Joy, joy, joy, may Earth be filled with joy.**

Reader Two: We light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our

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vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together.

*Light the third (pink/rose) candle
of the Advent wreath.*

HYMN

3052. God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

217. Away in a Manger

*James 1:2 ~ Count it all joy, my brothers,
when you meet trials of various kinds,*

CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:13-15 (NIV)

234. O Come, All Ye Faithful

Refrain:

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared
with the angel, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Refrain:

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.

When 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.”

Refrain:

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Zephaniah 3:14-20

“Rejoice with all your heart.”

“The LORD, your God, is in your midst.”

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:4-7

“Rejoice.”

“The Lord is near.”

MESSAGE

PEACE & OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #95

Luke 15:7 - I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks

for this holy mystery

in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world

in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Proverbs 17:22 ~ A joyful heart is
good medicine, but a crushed spirit
dries up the bones.*

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING

Rejoice in hope,
be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.
May Jesus, who promises eternal joy, give you hope.
May God see you through every trial.
May the Holy Spirit always hear your prayers.

Go with joy.

CANDLES

Go Now In Peace

*May God fill ALL of you with joy on
this wonderful day! - Romans 15:13*

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Every Day With Jesus

This year we follow a Bible reading plan called “Every Day With Jesus”. With four short readings each day, we will have read the entire Bible by the end of the year.

12/15/24	Daniel 8:1-9:27	Psalm 139:13-18	Proverbs 30:3-4	Jude 14-25
12/16/24	Daniel 10:1-11:45	Psalm 139:19-24	Proverbs 30:5-6	Revelation 1:1-20
12/17/24	Daniel 12:1-Hosea 3:5	Psalm 140:1-5	Proverbs 30:7-9	Revelation 2:1-17
12/18/24	Hosea 4:1-7:16	Psalm 140:6-13	Proverbs 30:10-12	Revelation 2:18-3:6
12/19/24	Hosea 8:1-10:15	Psalm 141:1-6	Proverbs 30:13-14	Revelation 3:7-22
12/20/24	Hosea 11:1-14:9	Psalm 141:7-10	Proverbs 30:15-17	Revelation 4:1-5:14
12/21/24	Joel 1:1-2:32	Psalm 142:1-7	Proverbs 30:18-20	Revelation 6:1-17
12/22/24	Joel 3:1-Amos 2:16	Psalm 143:1-6	Proverbs 30:21-23	Revelation 7:1-17
12/23/24	Amos 3:1-5:27	Psalm 143:7-12	Proverbs 30:24-28	Revelation 8:1-9:12
12/24/24	Amos 6:1-8:14	Psalm 144:1-8	Proverbs 30:29-33	Revelation 9:13-10:11
12/25/24	Amos 9:1-Obadiah 21	Psalm 144:9-15	Proverbs 31:1-3	Revelation 11:1-19
12/26/24	Jonah 1:1-4:11	Psalm 145:1-7	Proverbs 31:4-7	Revelation 12:1-18
12/27/24	Micah 1:1-4:13	Psalm 145:8-13	Proverbs 31:8-9	Revelation 13:1-18
12/28/24	Micah 5:1-7:20	Psalm 145:14-21	Proverbs 31:10-12	Revelation 14:1-20