



# Plymouth First Baptist Church

Sunday December 15, 2024  
3rd Sunday in Advent: Joy

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship

Welcome Pastor Paul  
Lighting of the Advent Candles Mark and Joyce Pardue

Today we light the first two candles of the Advent wreath. The candle of HOPE and the candle of PEACE. Today we also light the pink candle of JOY. As the coming of the Messiah the first time brought joy to many of those who saw HIM, so too, may our hearts be filled with joy as we anticipate seeing HIM when HE returns.

**Hear the Word of the LORD.** Isaiah 31:1-3 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy, instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

**Let us pray.** We joyfully praise you, O LORD, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior and what that means for our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation that is ours by faith in your Son, the Lord Jesus. Restore to us the joy of our salvation as we celebrate the birth of Jesus and anticipate His return.

Hymn #269,270 Congregation  
How Great Our Joy, Joy to the World

Special Music Mary's Little Boy Child Leroy Bland

Scripture Reading Psalm 98:1-9 Loyd Jones

Ministry of Music O Holy Night Brass Duet

Offertory Hymn# 271 Joyful, Joyful Congregation

Offertory Scripture and Prayer Judi Lyle  
Isaiah 49:13 Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the LORD Comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones."

Offering Carol of the Bells Brass Duet  
Doxology Congregation

Sermon: The Promise of Joy Pastor Paul

Scriptures: Acts 7:48-50; Job 38:4-7; Rom. 14:17; Luke 1:39-45;  
Luke 2:8-14; 15:1-7; 24:50-53 Jn. 15:9-12 ; Ps. 126:1-5;

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Closing Hymn#537 He Who Began... Congregation

Closing Prayer

## Dessert Auction December 18th

**Bakers!** This year our auction proceeds will benefit Samaritans Purse Hurricane Relief and our FBC Baptist Men's Wheelchair Ramp Ministry. Your donation of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. The auction will on the 18th during family night. If you are going to bring a dessert for the auction list here along with your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Or call Caroline Chandler 741-0165,  
or Faith Noell 809-9928.

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

In Honor or Memory of:

Given By:

Cost is \$25.00

Deadline to order is Today

# Welcome to First Baptist Church

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*Let us know you were with us today and place  
in offering plate. Thank you!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: (new or changed)

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First-time visitor? \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer request you would like to share or  
a question for the church office?

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Put request on our printed list? Yes / No.



## Advent Readings for your personal meditation throughout the week.

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

1 Thess. 5:16-24

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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Nursery  
Ministry Rotation

Today: Ann Cody and India Jones

Dec. 22nd: Lora Craddock and Glenda Smith



Rev. Paul T. Harrington, Senior Pastor  
Loyd Jones, Associate Pastor  
Scott Bradshaw, Worship Director  
B.J. Lyle, Organist  
Danita Davis, Church Office Administrator  
Judi Lyle, Deacon of the Month

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