Welcome & Lighting of the Advent Wreath
December 13, 2017
Pastor Eric Trickey
Pastor Mark Gearig

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: “My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope, peace, and love grows joy.

We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth. (The First, Second and Third Candles are lit.)

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.
Leader: Let us pray:

All: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Opening Praise

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Scripture Reading

Isaiah  35:1-10

Confession & Absolution of Sins

Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

Message and Teaching Time

“It’s a Wonderful Life”
Pastor Eric Trickey

Closing Hymn

Auld Lang Syne

Sermon Outline:

1. Jesus had no __________ place to be than with ______.
2. Jesus was worth more to us ______ than __________.
3. Jesus is worth more __________ than ________.
4. The whole world needs to _______...“please God let me ________ again.”
5. Should old ______________________ be forgot?
6. __________, we will never _____________ our ____________.

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- Emotionally Healthy Spirituality - Led by Bob Waters
- Legacy Journey- Led by Matt and Kara Nalley
- Wellness Revelation - Led by Melanie Brown
- Loving Our Kids On Purpose - Led by Kurt and Jessica Younghouse
- Bible Study: Ephesians - Led by Pastor Mark Gearig
- Basics 1 & 2 (Church Membership) - Led by Pastor Eric Trickey
- Youth Confirmation (7th/8th), Thrive (Gr 9-12), and classes for children.

Dinner is served Wednesdays at 5:30pm in the dining room.
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