

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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The Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, 2017 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

The Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*The Call to Worship

Welcome, people!

Welcome, preacher!

Welcome home!

Joy makes its home in us. Amen.

[Song]: "Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing." UMH 160 (Chorus)

*Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs. 1-4, 7) UMH 57

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Carol & Scott Kieffer (8:30)

The Emory Family (11:00)

"The LORD has done great things for us, and we are overjoyed. ... Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joyful shouts." (Psalm 126:3, 5 CEB)

God of Joy, you enter the wilderness of our world and proclaim that there is a way to reach home again.

God of Joy, you break through clouds of despair and sorrow to bring good news to your people.

God of Joy, you send hope into the world in the form of a tiny baby.

We, God's people, sing songs of joy with the prophet, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God" (Isaiah 61:10, NRSV).

On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle, knowing that joy is our true home. *Light the pink candle.*