

The image features four lit candles of various colors (red, white, and purple) placed on a green pine branch. The background is dark, making the glowing flames stand out. The word 'JOY' is written in large white letters across the bottom of the candles.

*Shout and sing*  
for joy, city of Zion,  
because the holy one  
of Israel  
is great among you.

—ISAIAH 12:6

JOY

# The Worship of God

## The Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Call to Worship

Prelude

Sherri Barrett

\*Hymns            Go, Tell It on the Mountain            258

Christ Has Come, Our Sure Salvation

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

\*Hymns            O Little Town of Bethlehem            250

The Birthday of a King            284

Sermon            Advent Discoveries – Discipleship            John 1:39

\* Hymn            As with Gladness Men of Old            290

\*Benediction

\*Doxology

\*Congregation Standing



CHURCH

*Congregational Meeting*

December 13th, following service

# CHRIST HAS COME, OUR SURE SALVATION

*For Cheryl and Meta, with appreciation*

*Christmas 2020*

Christ has come, our sure salvation—

He who in a manger lay;

Ever we adore the Savior

Resting on a bed of hay.

Yuletide praises sing to Jesus;

Let us all rejoice today!

All the earth stands still in wonder;

Nature worships this, her King.

Down on bended knees the shepherds

Meet the Child whom angels sing.

Enter now, you faithful wise men,

Trav'ling far your gifts to bring.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

To the Son of God now here!

Hearts are filled with joy and wonder

At the Gift of God, so dear.

Now we live in light and laughter,

Knowing that our Lord is near.

Text: Wayne Barrett

Suggested Tune: REGENT SQUARE

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# Prayer Request

## Missions

Campus Ministry-Travis Hillman  
Jouglauds—France  
Masters Study Scholarship  
Frontier- Howards, Middle East  
Hospice Brazos Valley  
Hospitality House in Huntsville  
Hungary Mission  
Lamberts, Missionaries in Mexico  
Leon County Child Welfare

Leon County Domestic Violence  
Leon Community Food Pantry And  
Clothes Closet  
Literacy & Evangelism International  
Normangee Food Pantry  
Salvation Army  
Still Creek Ranch  
Baloyos—Philippines  
Wycliffe Bible Translators

## Homebound:

Diane Johnson, Winnie Roper, ID  
Pounds, Trish Noey, Lael McCormick,  
Don Dobbs

## Assisted Living:

Bill Johnston-Crestview, Bryan  
Kathryn Hardin-Carriage Inn, Bryan  
Mel Thompson-Huntington, College Station  
Monte White-Madisonville Assisted Living  
Cecil Rae Berry-Broadmoor Place  
Gladys Watson-Bluebonnet Place

Angela Hughes  
Becca Newkom  
Belinda Edwards  
Brenda Hayes  
Brian Parker  
Family of Carol Hardison  
Family of Carolyn Pursley  
Family of Ce Ce Walder  
David and Luke Genter  
DeAnn Stout  
Glen Hicks  
Glen McGill  
Jack Stork

Kari Swartz  
Kathy Aleman  
Kathleen Field  
Larry and Linda White  
Leah Pruitt  
Marilyn Cooper  
Mason Spellings  
Mike Green  
Peter and Kathy Clark  
Pleaze and Betty Ferguson  
Ray Carpentar Jr.  
Stephen Hime  
Tracy Henry

# Let US Pray

## ARMY

Keith Albrecht  
Wesley Brown  
Jim Daigle  
Chaplain Warren Haggray  
Dave Hansen  
Bradley Hutchins  
Justin Middleton – Deployed  
Patrick Morrison  
Byron Player  
Eric Stone - Deployed  
Owen Thornhill  
Jeremy White  
John Fulton  
Kurt Eller

## NATIONAL GUARD

Leslie Allen Thomas  
Grant Eflord

## FIRST RESPONDER

### PERSONNEL

Austin Dickson  
Rod Hovey  
Bryan Hovey  
Richard Kimberlin  
Stephen Pate  
Josh Simon  
Anthony Taylor, Jr.

## COAST GUARD

Todd Ghormley

## NAVY

Chip Broughton  
Zachery Clover  
Alvin Faircloth  
Jared Fischer  
Bryan Miller  
Chaplain Joe Roach

## MARINES

Laurynn Ashpaugh  
Morgan Ashpaugh  
Capt. Corey Boudiette  
Kristian Hernandez  
Will Holland  
Deron Johnson  
Sam Leal  
Noah Pathkiller  
Nathan Rollins  
Cameron Taravela  
Zachary Taylor

## AIR FORCE

Chip Campbell  
David Compton  
Peter Jeb Davis  
Mike Green  
Joel Livingston  
Joshua Kim  
Andy Pate  
Alexander Risinger  
James Pickle  
Ryan Schneider  
Steven Sellers  
Jennifer Wilson

## Unspecified Branch

Gary Skinner – Deployed  
Bret Walcott - Deployed

Last Sunday	Attendance	Offering	Yearly Budget	Year-to-date
Dec 6th	108	\$3,888.50	\$334,548.00	\$289,620.28

# Upcoming Events

Worship Service at 11:00am.  
Also streaming live on Facebook and YouTube.

Sunday School Classes: Meet at 9:30 am  
Pastor's Class with Robert Read meets in the fellowship hall. Also Live on Facebook and YouTube

Ladies Class with Wanda Taylor in the Parlor

Men's Class at the Pilot Lounge

Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Mondays: Ladies Bible Study, Will resume  
January 11: *Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman* by Beth Moore

Wednesdays: Living the Christ Life with Wayne Barrett-will resume in January, date to be announced

Youth Meeting with Rod and Saishi Hovey. Will resume in January

December 15: Board of Trustees Meeting, 10:00am

December 16: Youth Christmas Party

January 5: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 2:00pm

# CHRISTMAS EVE

## COMMUNION

December 24th at 6:00pm

### Upcoming Sermons

December 20th – Advent Discoveries – Evangelism – Luke 2:17; John 1:41

December 27th – The Light of the World – John 1:1-5



On Christmas Eve at 6pm come outside and ring a bell for 2 minutes.  
Help spread the Christmas spirit and help Santa fly that sleigh.  
Give the kids and our Hilltop community an amazing memory.  
Ring out 2020 with a bit of Christmas joy, hope and togetherness.



*O come O come Emmanuel  
Rejoice Rejoice  
Emmanuel shall come to thee.*

Lord, on this Gaudete Sunday of Advent,  
Gaudete being Latin for rejoice, we do so with great Joy  
For this, the third Sunday of Advent is the Sunday of Joy.  
Lord, by your teaching we have found Christian Joy in our hearts.  
While earthly happiness is dependent on external conditions,  
We know that we are unconditionally loved and nothing,  
Not even death, can take that love away.  
Lord, I pray we do not fret this season about circumstances  
That are not as we would want them;  
But, instead, ponder all the good things you have given us.  
Lord, I pray that we celebrate the true Joy that comes  
From following your will in our lives each day of every year.  
As we worship you this Advent Sunday, let our hearts  
Be filled with the Joy that comes from loving you.  
The Joy we have in Christ can remain  
Regardless of our circumstances because we know  
God is in control.

Though you have not seen him,  
you know him;  
and even though you do not see him now,  
you believe in him  
and are filled with an  
inexpressible and glorious Joy

1 Peter 1:8



*Joy*