



WELCOME! Throughout the month of December, we're taking a journey through the season of Advent. We'll look back on the experiences of God's people who were eagerly anticipating the arrival of a Savior, discover what Jesus brought at his birth, and look forward as we await His future return. We're glad you've joined us!

Participate

WORSHIP WITH US THROUGH
ORDINANCES AND TRADITIONS

- » **LORD'S SUPPER, NEXT WEEK:** Share in the bread and cup that symbolize our unity through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. *Gluten-free servings are available at the back of the room for those who need them.*
- » **CHILD DEDICATION, FEBRUARY 8:** Parents, commit your children to the Lord as we welcome them into our community. *Sign up in Church Center if your family would like to dedicate a child during a worship service.*
- » **BELIEVER'S BAPTISM, MARCH 22:** Proclaim your faith to your church family and follow Jesus in the practice of water baptism. *Sign up in Church Center if you'd like to be baptized during a worship service.*
- » **GIVE AT ANY TIME:** Financial giving in Grace Church is an act of worship to be done freely, joyously, and only as prompted by the Lord. *Gifts can be made at any offering box or online through Church Center.*

I. Joy arrived in Christ — Luke 2:1–20

II. We experience joy as we abide with Christ — John 17:24–26

🔍 *Further Reference: 2 Corinthians 6:8–10, Philippians 2:17–18, James 1:2–4, 1 Peter 4:13*

» We can cultivate joy as we rest, appreciate, and connect.

III. Christ's return will inaugurate everlasting joy — Revelation 21:1–5

Notes

CAPTURE YOUR THOUGHTS
IN THE SPACE BELOW

Takeaways

PROMPTS TO CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND APPLY WHAT YOU'VE HEARD THIS MORNING

- » How is *joy* different from *happiness*?
- » What does it mean that joy is *relational*?
- » How does it make you feel that God wants to be with you?
- » How can you experience joy alongside difficulty?
- » What helps you slow down, rest, and notice God's presence?
- » What is something specific you are grateful for today?

COME AND WORSHIP THIS CHRISTMAS



Here are all the dates and times when you can join us for worship during Christmas:

- » **DECEMBER 14:** *Advent* series, regular Sunday morning schedule
- » **DECEMBER 21:** *Advent* continues, regular worship times, with Bible Fellowships for kids only — **no ABFs**
- » **DECEMBER 24:** Christmas Eve candlelighting services at **3:00 & 5:00** in the Auditorium, with nursery care at both times
- » **DECEMBER 28:** Look toward 2026 together during our two regular worship times — **no Bible Fellowships this week**
- » **JANUARY 4:** Full Sunday morning schedule resumes with new teaching series from the book of Matthew

Learn More

WHERE TO GET ANSWERS
AND FIND INFORMATION

WELCOME CENTER: Stop by and talk with us this morning

MONTHLY CALENDAR: Printed list of upcoming events

WEBSITE: Find detailed info online at gracechurch.com

CHURCH CENTER APP: Stay connected and go paperless ➡

