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"TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN"

Dec. 14, 2025

Advent Candle 3: Joy

In many Advent wreath traditions, the third candle is pink, a symbol for "Joy". While Advent is a season of longing, repentance, and waiting, the pink candle breaks into the darkness as a burst of joy. It reminds us that even in seasons of anticipation, joy is not postponed. It arrives early because Christ is coming.

J: Jesus at the Center

Luke 2:11: "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord."

Joy starts when Jesus is the center, not an accessory. The angels did not announce a new rule, a new philosophy, or new self-help tips. They announced a Person. Just as the manger was the center of the stable, Christ must be the center of our hearts.

O: Open Hearts to God's Good News

Luke 2:15–16: The shepherds said, "Let's go to Bethlehem!" ... and they found Mary, Joseph, and the baby.

The shepherds opened their hearts and responded to God's invitation. They simply said, "Let's go." Joy comes when we open ourselves to what God is doing. His interruptions. His invitations. His unexpected directions. Joy grows when you are open to His leading, even when it interrupts your plans.

Y: Yield to God's Work in You and Through You Luke 2:17–18: "When they had seen Him, they spread the word."

Joy multiplies when we yield to God's purpose. The shepherds did not keep the joy for themselves. They shared it. Mary treasured and pondered what God was doing. She yielded to grace shaping her story. Joy is not static; it moves. It grows when we yield our plans to God, yield our fears to His promises, and yield our lives to His mission.



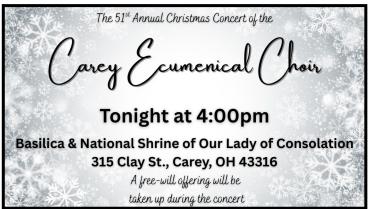




Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long

with Pastor Jim & Dr. Jim Sun., Dec. 21st @ 3pm Family Life Center Bring a dozen cookies to share





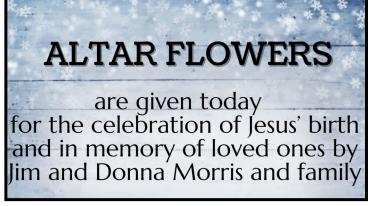












TREASURER'S REPORT Through Dec. 7, 2025

 Main Budget for 2025
 \$1,307,101.00

 Year To Date Need
 \$1,231,691.33

 Year To Date Offerings
 \$1,192,256.01*

 *97% of YTD budget need

 Dec. 7 attendance:
 8:30
 10:00
 11:15

 In person
 145
 363
 162

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In person	145	363	162
Peak Live Views	18	35	-
Total Views	226	207	-



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as you leave	
service today, and	
we will pray for you	
this coming week!	