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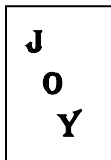
Third Sunday in Advent

“My soul magnifies the Lord...”

Luke 1:46

Prelude:

WE GATHER



Welcome

We are a caring, serving community,
faithfully journeying and trusting in the mystery that is God,
seeking joy, peace and justice for all.

Call to Worship:

Come this day open to the ways God touches us with joy.

**Come to worship our God,
wellspring of happiness and joy.**

Let the light dance and anticipation stir.

It is Advent;

the season of waiting and watching.

Now is the time to worship with joy.

♪ Gathering Hymn: *There's a Voice in the Wilderness* VU 18

Life and Work of the Congregation

Acknowledgement of First Nation Territories

♪ Advent Centering Hymn: *Wait for the Lord* VU 22

Lighting of Advent Candle: Don Styles, Seeley's Bay UC

Today we kindle the Advent candle of joy.

**We welcome the spark that dances with the
Holy Spirit, the spark that fires and inspires
our souls, the spark of creativity and wonder.**



Come, Holy Stranger, evangelist of joy on this Advent journey;
welcome us as we welcome you.

We receive the light of joy.

♪ Sung Response – *A Candle is Burning* VU 6 vs. 1-3

Advent Prayer of Approach: Ryan McNally, St. Mark's UC, Cannifton, ON

We pray for joy, in a world that sometimes feels devoid of joy;

God, grant us a vision of your future,

so that we may live with joy.

Let it give us strength in hard times and

be a cause for celebration in times of bliss.

Amen.



Sharing the Peace of Christ:

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrating the Baptism of Ethan Jameson Mateo Gardener

♪ Hymn: *I Was There to Hear your Borne Cry* VU 644 vss 1,2,7

WE PROCLAIM

Learning Together:

♪ Sung Response: *The Virgin Mary Had a Little Boy* VU 73 vs. 1

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46-55

Reflection: The Waiting Season: Joy

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

♪ Hymn: *My Soul Cries Out* VU 120

Presenting our Gifts and Offerings:

♪ Offertory Hymn: *We Give Our Thanks to God* MV 187 (vs. 1)
Prayer of Dedication

A Time of Prayer:

Joys and Concerns

♪ Prayer Song – *And When You Call For Me* MV 96

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

